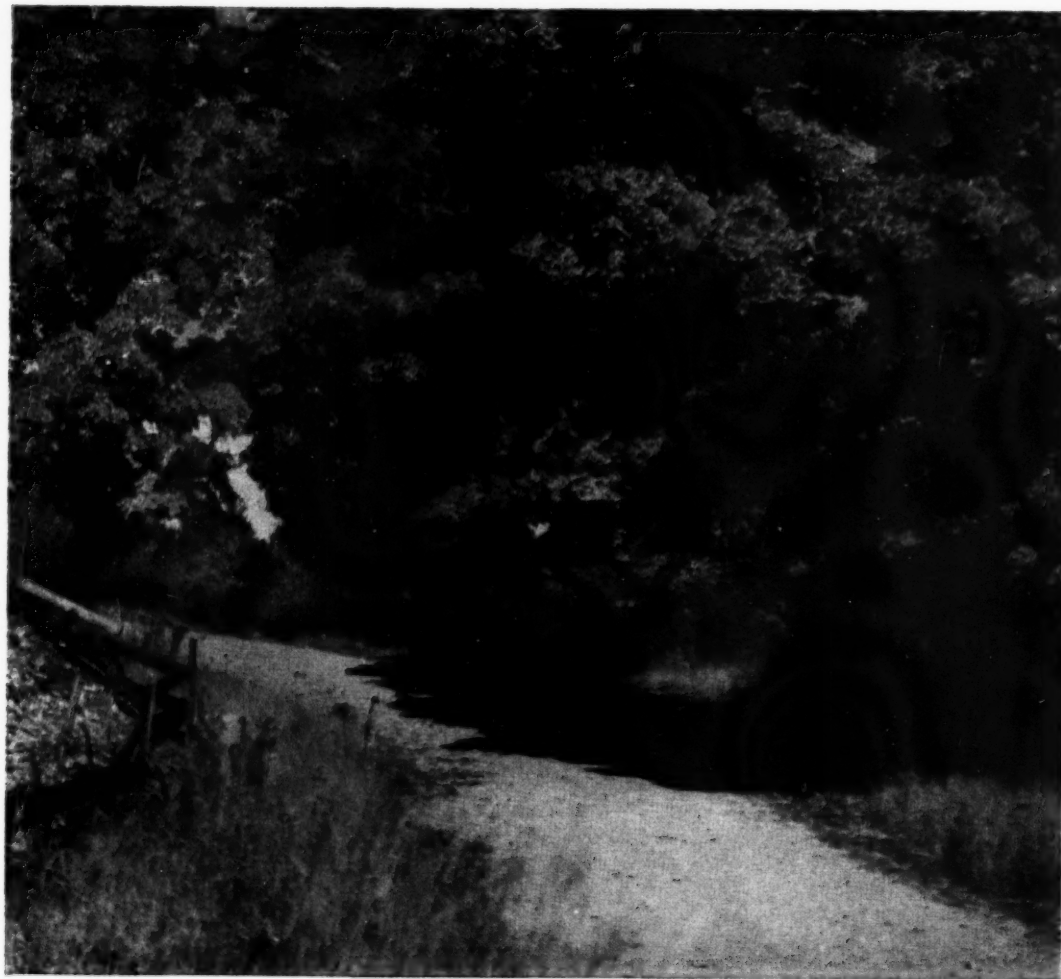


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A GLORIOUS AUTUMN

The Harvest Of The Earth Shall Be Reaped

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DAMASCUS, SYRIA

by Ewing Galloway

"The Street which is called Straight"

SAUL had requested from the High Priest at Jerusalem letters to the Synagogues at Damascus, empowering him to bring bound to Jerusalem any man or woman professing to be a follower of Jesus Christ. As he neared Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him and he fell to the ground as a Voice said, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?"

Saul answered by asking, "Who art thou Lord?" And the Lord replied, "I am Jesus whom thou persecutest." Saul was then instructed to go to Damascus where he would be told what he was to do.

There was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias, to whom the Lord appeared in vision, telling him to go to the street called "Straight" where he would find Saul of Tarsus in the house of Judas. The Lord explained that Saul was praying at that very moment and that he had been shown a vision of Ananias entering the house and laying his hands

upon him to bring back his sight. For Saul had been blind since his experience on the road to Damascus.

Ananias questioned the wisdom of this because Saul had instructions to persecute the Christians and had come to Damascus for that purpose. But the Lord replied, "Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake (Act 9: 15-16).

Saul, who afterward was called Paul, was not disobedient to the heavenly vision and he became a great power in the activities of the early Church in the beginning of the fishing period, or Gospel Age. This street in Damascus is, therefore, the spiritual birthplace of one who has contributed much to the Christian faith through the teachings and instructions recorded in the Pauline Epistles.

REAPING THE HARVEST

WHEN walking through the fields and gardens in harvest time a complete change is observed in the scenery everywhere from that of the freshness of the early spring, with its bright greens and sunbright colors of the flowering landscape, and the later development into the full beauty of the summer bloom. Untarnished by the sight of withering and dying vegetation, the outlook for the spring and summer months is always pleasant to anticipate.

But all the beauty of summer is fading now as the deep greens and the colorful flowers give way to the varying browns of drying grass and withering plant stocks, with seed pods appearing where flowers formerly bloomed. All nature is signalling that the harvest season has arrived.

The analogy between the physical changes presaging the arrival of the time for the harvesting of the fruits of garden and field, and the conditions and changes which will precede the greatest of all harvests when the vintage of the earth itself will be reaped, is most striking. In both cases there is a complete change in outlook, for as the dark hues of the harvest season are in direct contrast to the bright, colorful landscapes of spring and summer, so, too, the time for the harvest of the earth introduces a period of confusion and darkness compared to former times of security and peace.

We can look back upon a colorful past when men looked forward to a future filled with hope in their anticipation of days of glorious expansion to come, coupled with increasingly better human relationships all around. All this has changed now in a world where militant evil has come to the forefront and violence and crime show marked tendencies to increase, threatening to engulf, if not completely destroy, man and all his good works.

The harvesters trample the fields as they harvest the crops, strewing disruption and inviting decay where once the orderly processes of growth were seen. In the same way, as we approach the harvest season of the ages, the trend to judgment is manifested in the confusion and futility of the times. The harvester grades his crops according to their perfection and their worth; man's works have also reached maturity and they are



being garnered for the Divine harvest when men and nations will face judgment as to whether their works were good or evil.

The order is even now going out to the reaping Angel: "Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe" (Rev. 14: 15). It is quite significant that the Greek word here translated "ripe" means "to dry up" or "to wither," referring thus to a condition wherein the original freshness has gone and a dried and faded condition will be extant throughout the earth.

No better description could be given of the present religious aspect, for under the doctrines of modernism a great apostasy has settled down upon Christendom, destroying the faith of millions of people. The mainsprings of inspiration have also dried up and the fountain of truth, the Word of God, has become a closed Book. Today the men who occupy the leading pulpits in our land so lack the leading of the Holy Spirit that the "Thus saith the Lord" of the Scriptures is a phrase the significance of which is completely lost to them.

Confusion and uncertainty are not confined to the churches alone, however, for we discover this same spirit of agitation and bewilderment affecting political and economic problems which are becoming acute as we approach the day of the harvest when men will be compelled to give an account of their stewardship.

Men are perplexed as they seek direction and in the turmoil attending this greatest of all harvests the barren fields of human endeavor revealed all about us, and the stubble and tares of aggression and evil, are blinding the eyes of the worldly-minded to the bountiful harvest the Lord Himself is about to reap.

For the incorrigible and the thoroughly evil ones, it is indeed the period designated when the vintage of the earth is to be cast into the great winepress of the wrath of Almighty God. That the time for the treading of this great winepress is soon to come is in evidence on every hand: "And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs" (Rev. 14: 20).



YOUR attention, as you read this publication, is directed toward the destinies of the nations of the world, the war, and our changing economy. The conclusions are based on the *only* authoritative source — the prophecies of the Holy Bible. In this way one can know the purpose and outcome of present chaos and you may well be startled, if this is your first acquaintance with its *national phase*, to discover the Bible as the most modern Book in the world. Containing information we must all shortly take into account, it deals mainly with the origin, history and destiny of *one* race and it is very probable that *you* are of that race, thus both the Bible and DESTINY deserve your consideration and study.

DESTINY identifies the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic and kindred peoples as the House of Israel under the leadership of the United States of America and Great Britain, and proceeds to prove it to be true. The magazine itself is published by plain Americans who have seriously studied God's Word in the Scriptures and who have seen God's hand in American and world history. We are not introducing a new religion. We are not a sect. In a time when esteem for the Bible has greatly declined, we stand for the truth of the Book as applied to the spiritual, economic and political life of man on the earth and so have formed a non-profit organization — which is undenominational — to publish these truths in order that others may possess this important information.

Our responsibility in these matters is deepened by the fact that the Anglo-Saxons are the people with whom God made His unalterable Covenant, and upon whom He laid His Law. That is, we accept the Scripture which describes a servant race appointed by God as the earthly vehicle of His purpose to the nations. This people He called *Israel*. Selected, disciplined, dispersed on their mission, they are here now — these are still Bible times in the truest sense — and it is a marvelous, continuing-on-through-the-centuries history. For we note that Israel left Palestine, while the Jews remained. We trace Israel out of the East and across Europe to their new settlement in the Isles, then on to America. By

FOREWORD

what the prophets wrote of them, what the monuments record, what the traditions preserve, by the "way-marks" they left at various stages of their journey, but mostly by the way they have fulfilled, unconsciously, what the Word of God states concerning them, and by the innumerable evidences of God's providence in their present situation, we know who and where they are, and what they will do.

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Israel! To many folk, today, the true meaning of this lovely name is lost or obscured. The fallacy persists that the ancient Israel people were chosen by God as an object of favoritism. God's choice of Israel still stands as a positive fact; yet there is no question of favoritism. The people of Israel were chosen for *service*. God called Israel to convey, to all mankind, the blessings of peace, happiness and true progress. While performing that service, God guaranteed to Israel the reward which every faithful servant should receive: the benevolence and protection of the Master. He placed

His own name upon them, for Israel means "a prince with God," and He commanded them not to "take it in vain." That they did take God's name in vain — and so lost it — is a matter of history. That they will again carry it — to God's honor and service — is clear from the Bible, and is the subject of our publication.

Like the name Israel, *Anglo-Saxon* is a noble name when clearly understood. As here used it does not stand for the Nordic racial theory or for the exaltation of any nation. We exalt God, not man. And we recognize that all who are "born again" and believe in Jesus Christ, regardless of his or her race, will partake of the blessings of the Covenant. We emphasize the Anglo-Saxon-Israel fact, however, and thus make Israel's identity clear, because it has been so grossly neglected and misunderstood in Bible teaching and is *essential* to an understanding of the prophecies and plan of God as contained in the Bible.

We see in the Bible plain guidance for the spiritual life of the soul, for the moral order of society and for the economic process of community and national well-being based on justice and equity. We find the moral order by which God intends to make obsolete the pagan order under which we still live. We see our Israel forefathers as they lived in alternate obedience and rejection of the Law, with consequent prosperity, punishment and correction. We have the Voice of God recalling us to our allegiance and foretelling the consequences of certain courses of action, and we have our Lord offering to set up completely the Kingdom of God on earth in its spiritual, economic and moral elements with Himself as King.

Thus we stand for *the whole law of God and the whole Gospel of Christ!* In large and general terms, this defines our position. We are anti-nothing and pro-everything relating to God's revealed purpose. We publish the neglected truths concerning the Kingdom or Government of God, for peace and justice, and concerning the people of God who continue today — the same people with the same work — now nearing the time of the full entry of the rule of God among men.

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THE MARCH OF HISTORY

BETRAYAL THROUGH FEAR

THE REPORTS OF Congressional investigations of five-percenters, gifts of deep freezers and behind-the-scene fixing merely emphasize the fact that the foundation of our national government is being undermined through bribery and corruption. These conditions have long been known to exist, but what is of more than passing interest is to investigate the reason why at this particular time there is sudden and voluminous publicity given to this situation? Can it be that this publicity concerning graft and inefficiency in Washington is merely a red herring to turn public attention from the consideration of more serious things, such as the real threat to our national security and the welfare of our nation?

In fact, President Truman was anxious enough to label the former Communist spy probes as a red herring. Now, in view of the fact that in the present investigation of influence operators, many of the men turn out to be good friends of Harry Truman, may it not be that the President himself, at least indirectly, is made to be the actual red herring?

We know that graft and inefficiency increases in Washington in proportion to the number of years any one political party continues in office. It was so under Republican administrations and it is true under the present Democratic party which has been in power since 1933. With the length of years in office there are increasingly more opportunities for unscrupulous and selfish politicians and camp followers to reap a harvest for themselves and their friends. On the surface it seems essential to expose this graft and double-dealing, but may it not be that these new investigations are merely being staged for the purpose of hiding the real issues with which the public should be made acquainted?

Let us take a look at the record. David E. Lilienthal was recently under intensified investigation and the evidence being presented was bringing to light some most interesting although extremely disquieting facts directly affecting our national security and the safety of our atomic secrets. Furthermore, there was beginning to show back of the

scenes the hidden hand of subtle and dangerous subversive influence at work. Then suddenly the entire investigation came to an abrupt end. Then followed the "window dressing" in the form of a wave of investigating petty grafting and the exertion of influence. In comparison with the situation affecting our atomic project, the present list of investigations is but a tempest in a teapot.

What influences were brought to bear upon senators that made them suddenly drop further consideration of the Lilienthal case and made it more safe and convenient for them to endeavor to turn public attention elsewhere? The investigation of the five-percenters, *etc.*, seems to have furnished the distraction needed for this purpose. The whole situation is cause for serious alarm and it would certainly be most enlightening to the public were the facts made known regarding the tremendous power wielded by the enemy within when representatives at Washington can be so intimidated that the subversive forces were able to halt the Lilienthal investigation.

We need an investigation of the investigators so that the public may be informed why the Senate refused to proceed with the exposure of all the disturbing facts surrounding our atomic project. Who is there now who will protect the public interests and save us from the culpability of our own representatives, for certainly those elected to office and sworn to defend our liberties and freedom against all aggressors are refusing to do their duty.

There was a time in the history of this great Republic when we had men in office who were truly statesmen, willing to forfeit their careers, face defeat in an election or count life of little value rather than remain silent and betray their country because of threat or bribery. They placed the welfare of the nation above all personal gain or comfort. Such statesmen are now gone and we have fear-stricken politicians in their stead, trying to guide the affairs of this great people. They have become mere pawns in the hands of the foes within who, through smears and threats, keep them in line. Meantime, our nation is rushing on to inevitable disaster.

When pressured or threatened, men in public office

should immediately proclaim from the housetops the purpose and plan back of the threats, along with the names of those exerting pressure upon them. At the same time they should reveal to the public the information those threatening them wish kept secret. It would take a man of genuine physical, moral and spiritual courage to do this and, for the lack of such leaders in Washington with the courage of their convictions, the foes of righteousness are perfecting their plans to destroy our form of government.

The secrets of the atomic bomb have a definite place in their program; hence, it was essential to them to stop the further investigation of David E. Lilienthal at all costs, for it might have revealed to the public the near source of the real threat to our national security and peace. The subversives have won. Lilienthal continues in office and the Senate has dropped the probe of his conduct of atomic affairs over which he has charge. May God save America from her enemies and from this betrayal by faint-hearted and fearful politicians in our capital city.

DESPISING GOD'S BOUNTIES

WASHINGTON ECONOMIC planners would certainly consider it a calamity to see Amos' prediction of tremendous abundance fulfilled:

"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed." (Amos 9: 13.)

Here we have depicted harvests so great that men will be unable to complete the reaping and garnering of the yield of the field before it is time to plow the land for the next year's planting. Yet one of the great blessings of the time of restoration has to do with such super abundances. Because official Washington fears abundance, Isaiah's promise of bountifulness would send a chill down their backs and its disposition would cause a panic. The Prophet states:

"Rain shall be sent you for the seed you sow upon the field, and heavy crops of wheat the earth shall amply yield." (Isa. 30: 23, *Moffatt Trans.*)

Washington has decreed that the families of the land shall not profit by extraordinary harvests. As soon as such abundances appear the government steps in and purchases all so-called surpluses in order to establish ceiling prices to benefit the farmers, so they say, and keep them prosperous. Money for these purchases is taken from the people as taxes in order that they may have the dubious privilege of paying high prices as consumers for life's necessities. So we pay double for the food we eat, first through taxation to support prices and, second, through increased prices made inevitable by the government's use of tax money to keep those prices high. Meantime, we call ourselves enlightened and consider ourselves civilized human beings while we devise and operate a system that is robbing us all — even the farmers — of our substance.

A recent news item makes reference to a cave near Atchison, Kansas where the government, in its endeavor to keep prices high on eggs, has purchased and stored 450 carloads of dried eggs at a price to the taxpayers of \$67,000,000.00 this year. It reports that last year the government purchased 29,000,000 pounds of dried eggs, and then this statement:

"There is little, if any, hope that the cache will ever be sold or eaten. . . . ECA countries don't want dried eggs."

The account ends with the laconic observation:

"There is no chance that the 'Atchison Cave' will get a respite from dried eggs. The barrels keep rolling in. More eggs are being produced with fewer hens. The price of chicken-feed is down one-fourth, so it's cheaper for farmers to raise eggs."

This crazy economy does not end with the purchase of eggs alone. On the government list for purchase, in order that the public will have to pay high prices for the procurement of needed foods, are potatoes, prunes, raisins, honey, grapefruit juice, wheat, corn, wool, sugar, pigs, beef, cattle, veal, sheep, chickens and turkeys, all of which are getting Federal protection of one sort or another to keep the prices of these commodities high.

If we were to read of such performances in, say, early Chinese history, we would be amused and wonder how they could have been so silly as to take money out of one pocket and give it to their government to purchase and store food in order to make them take money out of another pocket to pay higher prices for the food they consumed. But this is exactly what we are doing today and the honorable senators and representatives have no other alternative for the disposition of the abundance God is giving to His people than the substitution of a system that is impoverishing the people instead.

The overproduction of the farm could be turned into useful purposes which would enhance the wealth of our nation. In his new book, *Farmer Victorious*,* Dr. William J. Hale shows a day coming when farm and factory will be made to be interlocking, whereupon private enterprise and national prosperity will rise to heights never before attained or dreamed possible.

In such a day, under the operation of the justice and equity of the Divine law of God, with a monetary system that is a true measure of wealth, the bountiful blessings of the Lord of the Harvest will be thankfully received, for they will bring prosperity and peace to all the people.

WHO IS NEXT?

MARGARET MITCHELL, author of the world-famous book, *Gone With the Wind*, was struck down and killed by an automobile driven by a drunken driver. This is only one of hundreds of such accidents throughout our land which can be attributed to drunken drivers who are taking a toll day after day in damaged property and in injured and dying victims.

No man, woman or child is assured that within the next few hours they are immune from becoming victims of some drink-crazed driver behind the wheel of an automobile. As pointed out in "Our Bloody Highways," *DESTINY* for September 1949, the government receives revenue for licensing the sale of a beverage that sends potential killers out upon our thoroughfares. If those who consumed the intoxicants were the only victims, one would not feel so badly, but often it is a completely innocent person, like the brilliant Margaret Mitchell, who suffers because our nation licenses men to sell to their fellowmen poisons that destroy their reason and judgment.

Liquor men are even now planning to advertise their

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wares over the radio and thus invade the home to urge men, women and children to purchase and drink beverages which turn otherwise safe drivers into lunatics behind the wheel of a high-power machine, converting it into an instrument of destruction.

Who will be next on their list of victims? Will it be you? What are you doing to combat this evil which is as deadly as warfare insofar as the number of the dead, dying and injured are concerned. Even apart from the moral issues involved, the consumption of intoxicating liquors has no place in a highly mechanized age.

GOD GIVE US MEN

OUR NATION HAS faced grim periods of crisis in the past, but there were always men to stand in the breach and defend the Republic and our American way of life. Men like George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and scores of others willingly made any sacrifice necessary to defend our rights, refusing to count the costs to themselves or to shirk their duty as they moved to keep their oath of office and protect the people from foes within and without.

Today we are plunging headlong into the greatest crisis that has ever been faced by our nation, but where are the men, or even the man, who will stand in the breach for us? Ezekiel certainly had the type of men representing us in public office today in mind when he made the accusation:

"Ye have not gone up into the gaps, neither made up the hedge for the house of Israel to stand in the battle in the day of the Lord." (Ez. 13: 5.)

When a reporter asked President Truman his opinion of former President Hoover's birthday speech in which three forces were named as driving the nation rapidly toward collectivism — enormous and increased national spending, huge and expanding bureaucracies and steadily increasing greater dependence by the people on government — his comment was:

"It sounds funny to me, I don't know what that is, but I don't think it's so."

How is it possible for one who does not recognize the crisis we are facing as a nation to suggest moves to avert the coming calamity he does not believe is coming? As one editorial writer remarked:

"Despite his present considerable age, Hoover may live to say, 'I told you so,' and Truman to understand by bitter experience what vision and reason deny him knowledge of now."

But this lack of perception is not confined to the executive branch of our government alone. In both the Senate and House of Representatives, Republicans and Democrats alike are blind to realities, or else they fear to do their duty because of possible adverse personal consequences. Why do certain investigations get under way, then suddenly stop when vital revelations that the public should know are about to be brought out into the open? The David E. Lilienthal matter is a case in point for, when it became apparent that the investigation was getting somewhere in revealing subversive and treasonable activities, it stopped. Who was able to so pressure a senator, or senators, to cause them to abruptly end Congressional action? The following statement was made in *DESTINY* for August 1949 with reference to this investigation:

"The investigation is revealing startling and alarming conditions which should call for the immediate removal of Mr. Lilienthal. It is going to be interesting to watch and see if the good of our country takes precedence over politics both in the White House and in the Senate. The potent question is, Will the radical left-wingers in key positions be able to successfully intercept the removal of Mr. Lilienthal as chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission? If this proves to be so, then the enemy within has indeed secured control of our means of defense."

It seems these forces have succeeded in quashing the entire investigation, so the evidence of the tremendous power the enemy within wields today is revealed and is indeed alarming. Apparently our senators, both Republicans and Democrats, are in fear of these subversive elements in our midst. Would to God that we had even a few really courageous men in public office today, men who would neither fear the smear technique nor be subject to bribery or pressure of any kind. The outlook is so serious that only God Himself can deliver us from the calamities that are coming upon His people who have turned away from His word and refuse to believe His prophets.

Speaking of a cowed U. S. Senate in his *Intelligence Summary* for August 1949, Major Robert H. Williams states in part:

"The great United States Senate itself is awed by the machine. Brewster of Maine disclosed on the Senate floor late in July that his fellow Senators were pacing the halls talking privately and apprehensively of the imminence of Communist success in this country. The Senator, who served Israel last year at \$1000 per lecture, and is an obsequious tool of Zionism, dared not point out that what held most of the Senators in a state of paralysis was fear — fear that the Zionists will brand them Bilbos and anti-Semites if they take action to interfere with the Zionist march to world power.

"Senator Brewster might have pointed out that only last month when Senator Cain of Washington began calling for the deportation of pro-Communist Charles Chaplin, the Zionist smear man, Pearson, began viciously airing Senator Cain's divorce problems over the networks.

"Under the same threat the Senate dropped the case of Lilienthal's abuse of power and his subversive background like the hot potato that it was.

"All the Zionist machine has to do to win now is keep America marking time, keep officialdom from breaking up the world gangster apparatus, while the Soviets stockpile weapons and Israel maneuvers to get control of the oil of the Near East, without which we can hardly hope to defend ourselves in a future war.

"The program of political sabotage by the Zionist fear mongers is working with the precision of a time bomb.

"The problem becomes increasingly military. The real danger is here at home. When the surprise blow falls and the cities start burning — perhaps blasted with bombs taken from Lilienthal's lightly-guarded storage vaults — will the FBI be able to round up behind barbed wire millions of suspects? Most of the suspects will be Jewish. Will Truman or his successor allow the FBI and police to touch such suspects, even in the chaos of a civilian war?

"The problem is accentuated in New York on the eastern seaboard and California on the western, where we openly invite attack from within and without. Los Angeles and New York City perhaps are the most tempting targets because they are the key harbors, lie near the open water and house enormous production and communication facilities. To seal them up with atomic bombs would leave the Navy largely homeless."

Those who deliberately ignore these warning signs and refuse to pressure their representatives into immediate action may later sorely regret their indifference when it

is too late to take action. Many of those who today scoff at the possibility of atomic bombs of U. S. manufacture being used to destroy our cities may awaken to the realization of their mistake — that is, if they escape being numbered among the dead and dying when the enemy finally elects to strike. It is yet possible to prevent the enemy within from carrying out his plans to take over control, provided we act vigorously and with dispatch. But if we continue to wait, tomorrow will be too late.

A FORGOTTEN LESSON

WE SENT SCRAP metal to Japan during the years preceding World War II, only to have it turned into destructive weapons to be used later in the attack upon Pearl Harbor, with which to kill many American boys on the battlefield.

Will we ever learn?

A steel mill is now being sent to Yugoslavia to appease Tito. Our military men said it was dangerous to do this as it would be possible for Russia to later seize it and use the steel made in this American mill against us. But the State Department gave its approval to the proposal and the proponents of the plan won the day. From past experiences the State Department cannot be commended as very astute in the handling of certain phases of our foreign affairs. Its sympathy with the Reds in the inception of China's troubles has resulted in Communist domination in the Far East. The present assumption on the part of this Department that to grant Yugoslavia a steel mill would woo Tito from Moscow is naive. If there is any actual difficulty between Tito and the Kremlin, steel mill or no steel mill, that breach will either widen or be healed according to whatever turn political affairs take in this Balkan State.

It is the height of folly to think that giving Tito anything will have the slightest influence on the situation if he should suddenly find it to his advantage to become reconciled again with the Soviets. But whether he becomes so reconciled or not is actually of little consequence, for Russia will ultimately secure control of Yugoslavia, with the steel mill and all other equipment in that territory, either by conquest or through a rapprochement by the two governments.

We are again moving along the road to disaster by supplying a potential enemy with equipment and the means by which he can manufacture weapons to slaughter our young men when the day comes for a second Pearl Harbor attack upon us. The lessons of the past seem to be completely forgotten by the political-minded State Department in the pursuance of its program of appeasement.

WHENCE THIS KNOWLEDGE?

LET THOSE who in their intellectual boastings sit in judgment to condemn the Bible's records of facts please explain how Job knew that Arcturus was a run-away star, traveling at the enormous speed of two to three hundred miles per second? Sir Isaac Newton gives the velocity of a star under control as not more than 25 miles a second and our sun is traveling only half this speed, or $12\frac{1}{2}$ miles a second. But Arcturus is traveling more than twenty times faster than our sun and more than ten times faster than a star that is under control.

What instruments did Job possess by which he could have measured this speed and the speed of other stars so

that he would know that Arcturus was a run-away in space? Just how was this information acquired centuries before modern astronomers discovered the terrific speed at which this great mass of fiery matter is traveling? Job was challenged, "Canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons?" (Job 38: 32.)

Arcturus is a sun of great magnitude, exceeding our own sun in intrinsic brilliancy at least a hundred times. How is it kept on its course and by what power is this great mass guided in its path through space? The sudden arrest of the motion of so vast a star in a great collision, such as that which occasionally occurs in space, would produce an outburst of light exceeding anything of the kind that has ever been witnessed from the earth. Only God could guide such a star and safely pilot it through space.

We challenge modernists, atheists and agnostics to show the source of Job's knowledge apart from direct inspiration from God. If, then, the fact of the speed of a star is accurately given through inspiration, who are those who would challenge the recorded accuracy of facts yet unknown to man by experimental knowledge but which the Bible stamps as true? Where shall we stop? If the Bible is the Word of God written, then back of that Word is the power of God's Holy Spirit and all of its revealed plans and purposes are also inspired. The modern-day remarkable fulfillments of prophecy prove this to be so. It all places those who deny the facts of Scriptural inspiration on a par with an earthworm trying to question the wonders of the spectroscope.

VAIN CONTENTIONS

ACCORDING TO A NEWS release the British Association for the Advancement of Science was told by Professor S. H. Hooke of King's College, London, that Cain's slaying of Abel was not a jealous murder but a ritual to increase the fertility of the soil. Ordinarily we do not prefer to provide additional distribution for this type of information, but the direct quotation of the statements made will show more effectively than in any other way the extent to which Modernism will go in its attempts to ridicule the Bible record:

"Cain and Abel, two fellows who are supposed to have invented fighting, were absolved today by Professor S. H. Hooke of King's College, London.

"He told the British Association for the Advancement of Science 'that Cain's slaying of Abel was not a jealous murder but a ritual for increasing the fertility of the soil.'

"The professor said Cain and Abel, in the first place, had nothing to do with the Garden of Eden or Adam and Eve, and in the second place, he doubted they even were brothers.

"Recent finds in north Syria,' he said, 'show that it was a ritual to kill a shepherd at the time of the Summer drought and that Cain probably worshiped by killing Abel, thus presumably helping the soil.'"

These unbelieving professors search the world over to find some incident that will give them an excuse to disbelieve the Scriptures. The ritual of an aborigine, a custom practiced by a Hottentot, a petrified tooth or a piece of a jawbone all furnish sufficient grounds for a long discourse on the inaccuracies in the Bible record. Wise in their own conceits, they fail to recognize the inanity of the great labors they enter into to bring forth such trifles. One is reminded of the statement in Horace's *Ars Poetica*:

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The Unique Position of Man

WHY DID GOD SELECT our planetary system, and the earth in particular, out of all His creation for the abode of the human race? The sun, with its accompanying planets, is not the most imposing solar system in the whole expanse of the heavens. Actually, our sun and its planets are very small in comparison with some of the distant great suns which modern telescopes have revealed. No doubt their accompanying planets are in the same proportions as to size and would dwarf into complete insignificance our earth and the solar system of which we are a part. When we try to contemplate all this, David's words come to mind:

"When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of Him? And the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet." (Ps. 8: 3-6.)

If it is God's plan to crown man with glory and honor, why has He placed him upon this speck of dust we call earth? For it is no more than that in comparison with the rest of His creation. There is every reason to believe there was a definite purpose in the selection of this earth for the development of the human race. Naturally we will not presume to state all the reasons here, for all the knowledge required to do so is not yet at our disposal. We are not left in complete ignorance, however, since we have the great resources of the Bible itself wherein to conduct our research, together with the findings of astronomy and all related sciences to assist our inquiry. When we contemplate the knowledge we do have concerning man's present habitation and consider his unique capabilities physically, mentally and spiritually, a vast field of interesting and profitable speculation opens up before us.

Again, what was the reason for the choice of the size defining man's stature of approximately six feet in a universe of universes in which there are extremes in size from the minutest

atom, with its whirling electrons, to the mammoth suns, with gigantic planets circling about them in their orbits, all floating together in the immensity of space? It is certain that there is a very good reason for God's selection of the particular form and stature which He gave to man when He created him and formed him from the dust of the ground so that he might inhabit and subdue the earth. Here he is being schooled for greater work to come, which is to be assigned to the redeemed of the Lord who qualify for glorious responsibilities. The Bible clearly states that the redeemed are going to occupy most important places in God's plans and purposes, having positions which will be unique in relation to His entire creation.

We are informed of a day that is coming when there will be no more sickness or war, and untimely deaths from many causes, for all this is to pass away. But today scientists are already disturbed about the increase in the world's population, visualizing a coming period of distress and famine because of the inability of the earth to supply the needs of all humanity. If there had been no disease and war in the past, humankind would long ago have reached and passed the saturation point where the earth would have become unable to support its population.

The vision of a world without sickness and untimely death is marred, then, by the question it immediately poses as to what shall be done about the enormous increase in the earth's population which would be possible under such happy conditions. Questions are easily asked which can be most difficult to answer satisfactorily, and this is particularly true when dealing with subjects of speculation like those being considered here. Let us see, nevertheless, if there is not a possible solution to the problem this question introduces.

We recognize the fact that God is at the center of all creation; therefore, His over-all plans and purposes are for the limitless universes — not just earth. But it is very possible that, in choosing the dwelling place of man and the size assigned as the stature of those who are to inherit all things

with His Son, God selected the planet at the point of division which is the mean between the greatest and the smallest in creation for the abode and development of the human race. This would account for the earth, a mere speck in the immensity of space, having become man's habitation, for, from the earth as his vantage point, man can look in either direction. Through the telescope, peering into the heavens, he beholds the infinity of greatness. Through the microscope he inspects the infinity of smallness. But in either direction man has never yet been able to view the farthest reaches of space.

Solomon evidently had these extremes in mind when he spoke of the mysteries of God and the honor that comes to men who are able to search out these secrets. On one occasion he referred to the greatness in the heavens above and to the minuteness in the depths of the earth below, concluding that all is a mystery and unsearchable (Prov. 25: 2-3).

It is a stupendous thought, that of infinity above and below, but may we not have the answer here to the question concerning the increase in population beyond the ability of the earth to sustain humankind? By this fact alone, is not God calling attention to the necessity to provide a place for an expanding population when sickness and disease, with wars and untimely deaths, are no more? In the providence of God, will there be men and women who will graduate with honors from the earth as their place of schooling to go forth to populate prepared places of abode located throughout infinite space? Did Jesus have all this in mind when He said to His disciples:

"In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you." (John 14: 2.)

Ferrar Fenton translates this:

"In the home of My Father there are many abodes. If it were not so, I would have told you; because I am going to prepare a place for you."

This, with its accompanying verse, is translated by Moffatt as follows:

"In my Father's house there are many abodes; were it not so, would I have told

you I was going to prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me, so that you may be where I am."

The house, or home, of the Father is the universe of universes. Solomon recognized this by his reference to the fact that it would be impossible for God to dwell in the Temple he had built:

"Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house which I have built!" (II Chron. 6: 18.)

The King then dedicated the Temple as a place of prayer where supplication could be made to the Lord, and he asked that God heed and answer prayers offered in that House. The fact that the Father's home, or house, includes His entire creation is borne out by the following statement of the Psalmist:

"The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's; but the earth hath he given to the children of men." (Ps. 115: 16.)

Smith and Goodspeed translate this:

"The heavens are the heavens of the Lord, But the earth has he given to mankind."

Thus, in the heaven of heavens, in the great expanses of space, there are

many abodes, or planets, being prepared for dwelling places in the ages to come. Here upon earth men and women are being trained for the responsibilities which lie ahead of them. During the past centuries men have been subject to temptation, with its attending troubles and sorrow, and through it all some have attained the victor's crown, having overcome the world. They are those who, upon entering the Marriage Supper of our Lord, will qualify to reign with Him during the Kingdom Age. This will be the age during which men and women will attain to the perfection of the administration of the Law of the Lord in righteousness. It will be a post-graduate course all will be required to take before they are ready to assume greater responsibilities and receive greater rewards when, following the Kingdom Age, it becomes their privilege to dwell in one of the mansions or abodes our Lord is preparing for each one.

During this post-graduate period, which we call the Kingdom Age, Jesus Christ will sit upon the Throne of David and reign over the House of Israel, administering the Law of the Lord. It will provide a schooling *par excellence* in the operation of that law and in a demonstration of the perfect

state when violence, sickness and sorrow will all have passed away. Those who will qualify as inhabitants of the many mansions or abodes scattered throughout the immensity of space will pattern their administration of affairs in their new dwelling places in conformity with the requirements of the law and in accordance with the righteousness of the Kingdom in which they received their schooling and instructions.

There will be those also, unfortunately, who fail to qualify for such responsibilities and rewards. Those who rebel against higher authority at the end of the Kingdom Age are depicted in the Scriptures as being destroyed, for by their attitude they will have demonstrated their complete unfitness for continued existence in a perfect creation.

No wonder, when contemplating the coming blessings, Isaiah exclaimed:

"For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him." (Isa. 64: 4.)

Let us press on, therefore, so that we may overcome the world and have a right to enter with Him into the glories of the ages to come.

OMENS OF THE AGE

A PROPHETIC GUIDE TO THE TIMES IN WHICH WE LIVE

By Gilbert C. Saddler

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Shadow of Judgment

By WILLIAM O. LAY, JR.

THE CHART this month completes a pattern the initial phases of which were mapped last month in the article entitled "Economic Desolation" (DESTINY for September 1949). The previous article noted the May 2, 1950 date fixed by a 1040-day pattern extending back to the Tri-Power Economic Conference of June 27, 1947 and also to the European Economic Conference which opened on July 12, 1947. On the lower half of this month's chart will be found the remaining two dates fixed by this pattern. May 17, 1950 will be 1040 days solar after June 27, 1947 and 1040 days mean after July 12, 1947. June 1, 1950 will be 1040 days solar after July 12, 1947.

The developments noted on the lower half of the chart are fixed by 286-day patterns extending to May 17, 1950 and June 1, 1950. The events that fall on these cycles continue to relate predominantly to the economic phase of the world crisis.

In order to give the complete picture, the chart repeats the chronological data relative to June 27, 1947 and July 12, 1947. The former fell 666 days solar plus two after the Truman Reconversion Directive of August 18, 1945. The latter marked the solar terminal of 8 x 1290 days after the November 11, 1918 Armistice. Note particularly that the June 1, 1950 date which closes the 1040 sequence will also fall precisely on the solar terminal of 10 x 1290 days after the outbreak of World War I on August 1, 1914 (bottom of chart).

The Soviet program for enfolding all of Asia into its economic sphere advanced another step on July 31, 1949 with the announcement of a trade agreement between Russia and the Manchurian peoples' Democratic authorities. As noted at the bottom of the chart, this was 286 days solar before May 17, 1950.

Italy and Yugoslavia signed a major trade treaty on August 4. This step, strengthening Marshal Tito's economic ties with the West, came as relations between Moscow and Belgrade progressively deteriorated. The date was 286 days before May 17, 1950.

August 8, 1949 brought an historic event as the Council of Europe held its first meeting in the French city of Strasbourg. Beset by onrushing economic problems, the nations of Europe have this last chance to unite in effective remedial action through their Council and Parliament. But present indications are that narrowness of outlook and deep-rooted national prejudices will prevent adequate measures being taken in time. As noted at the bottom of the chart, the Council's first meeting came 286 days lunar before May 17, 1950.

Paul G. Hoffman, Economic Cooperation Administrator, warned on August 15 that "breathlessly little" time remained if Marshall Plan objectives were to be achieved by 1952. Europeans were told that "bold and daring" measures would have to be taken to prepare for the time when American aid will cease. But a Europe conditioned by paternalistic socialism is unlikely to move boldly or swiftly, so this statement by Mr. Hoffman foreshadows failure of the immensely costly Marshall Plan. Note from the lower section of the chart that Mr. Hoffman's warning was issued precisely 286 days solar before June 1, 1950.

Mid-August brought Communist moves aimed at a coup which would give them control of the Finnish government. Following the customary procedure, the Communists first instigated a wave of strikes designed to paralyze Finland's economy. This campaign opened on August 18, the date falling 420 plus two days after June 22, 1948 (not charted). It was on June 22, 1948 that the East-West crisis in Berlin reached a crucial stage as conferees failed to agree on a policy for resolving the currency stalemate.

The Finnish government met the Red challenge with vigorous counter-moves. Troops were rushed to points where violence flared, and on August 19 the Government cracked down on the strike offensive by arresting Communist leaders. The date fell 286 days before June 1, 1950 (lower section of chart). As this is written, indications

are that the Finnish government's prompt and forceful action has repulsed the Communist threat.

Of particular interest during the charted period has been the mounting intensity and bitterness of the feud between the Soviet Union and Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia. Formal notes were exchanged while constant barrages of charges and counter-charges flew between the two countries.

On July 23, 1949 the Yugoslav Foreign Minister Kardelj revealed that his country had withdrawn "moral and political" support from the Greek rebels because of the Cominform's anti-Yugoslav campaign. Note from the top of the chart that this date fell on the solar terminal of 1600 days after the Yalta Conference ended on February 11, 1945.

The Soviet Union pressed its diplomatic campaign against Yugoslavia by accusing Marshal Tito's government of flogging and torturing thirty-one Soviet citizens living in Yugoslavia. Immediate release of the prisoners was demanded. These charges were broadcast by the Moscow radio on July 26 after a formal note had been delivered to Belgrade. The date fell 1600 days solar plus two after the Yalta Conference communique was issued on February 12, 1945. As indicated at the top of the chart, July 26 was also 286 days solar before the May 12, 1950 solar terminal of 9 x 1260 days after the November 11, 1918 Armistice.

Marshal Tito on August 3 cautioned the people of Yugoslav Macedonia that they were "in a state of alert to safeguard the peaceful construction" of their Socialist country. During this blunt and belligerent speech, the Yugoslav Premier for the first time used the term "enemy" in referring to Russia and the Soviet satellite states. The date fell 286 days lunar before May 12, 1950 and also 286 days lunar after the Soviet vetoed United Nations compromise proposals on the Berlin crisis on October 25, 1948 (upper half of chart).

The Soviets dispatched to Belgrade on August 11 a bitter note dealing with Yugoslav claims to Austrian ter-

ritory. In the course of this note the Russians charged that Yugoslavia had become an "enemy and opponent" of the Soviet Union. This Soviet move markedly tensened relations between the two countries.

Note from the upper center of the chart that the August 11 date is triply marked. It fell 286 days solar after the October 25, 1948 Soviet veto on the Berlin issue. It was also 666 days solar after the Comintern was reconstituted on October 5, 1947 and 420 days lunar after the Berlin currency war opened on June 23, 1948.

The United States revealed a major step in support of Marshal Tito on August 17 when it was disclosed that Yugoslavia had been granted permission to purchase materials for a steel mill. This was the first time since the cold war began that the United States had agreed to ship war-potential goods to a Communist-ruled nation. In instituting this policy shift, the United States assumes a real risk that aid supplied Yugoslavia will eventually strengthen Russia should the Stalin-Tito breach be healed.

As indicated on the center of the chart, the August 17 move of the United States came 420 days after the Berlin currency war began on June 23, 1948. The latter date in turn fell 1040 days after the Truman Reconversion Directive of August 18, 1945.

The Belgrade regime replied to the Soviet accusations in a stiff note delivered on August 23. Marshal Tito's government stated that it stood ready to end its feud with Russia, provided the Soviet Union kept hands off Yugoslav affairs. The Belgrade government offered to let the imprisoned Soviet citizens go home, pointing out meanwhile that they had been jailed for seriously violating "the laws of Yugoslavia by their espionage and hostile activities."

As indicated on the lower center of the chart, this move in the continuing Stalin-Tito feud came 420 days solar after June 23, 1948 and 286 days lunar before June 1, 1950. Note particularly the significant pattern of Yugoslav developments covered by the 420-day cycle extending from June 23, 1948.

In the meantime developments continued in other world trouble zones. The Nationalist government of China made ready to evacuate its provisional capital of Canton as the Communist drive surged southward. Officials of British Hong Kong prepared to pro-

claim a state of emergency.

Faced by utter bankruptcy of its China policy, United States officialdom was reported on July 24 to have undertaken intensive efforts aimed at formulating a new pattern for American diplomacy in the Far East. Note from the top of the chart that this date fell precisely on the solar terminal of 1600 days after the communique from the Yalta Conference was issued on February 12, 1945. The "extent of judgment" time-measure is particularly significant here since it was at Yalta that Russia was granted concessions in flagrant violation of Chinese territorial integrity. General Patrick J. Hurley aptly termed the Yalta secret agreement, "the blueprint for Communist conquest of China."

It was also revealed on July 24 that Russia had removed as many as 250,000 persons from her frontiers in mass deportations aimed at suppressing internal dangers. This report is indicative of unrelenting Soviet preparations for aggressive warfare.

Hostilities between the Dutch and the Indonesian Republicans were terminated under terms of a new cease-fire agreement signed in Batavia on August 1. The agreement was negotiated by the United Nations Indonesian Commission, as were the two previous cease-fires in the conflict. This third cease-fire was preliminary to a joint conference at The Hague where the Dutch were expected to grant full sovereignty to a United States of Indonesia. As noted on the upper center of the chart, August 1 was 666 days after the Cominform was established on October 5, 1947.

The Greek government's struggle against Communist guerrillas continued with some success. On August 7 the Greek Army reported gains in a new offensive against Communist positions in the Grammos Mountains. The date fell 286 days after the October 25, 1948 veto by the Soviets of United Nations compromise proposals on the Berlin dispute.

The Palestine situation remained static. The Israeli government made no move to carry out its agreements concerning repatriation of Arab refugees, and the dire plight of these homeless thousands is creating undercurrents of resentment which must inevitably have a deleterious effect upon stability in the Middle East.

Also prejudicial to stability was the August 11 action of the United Na-

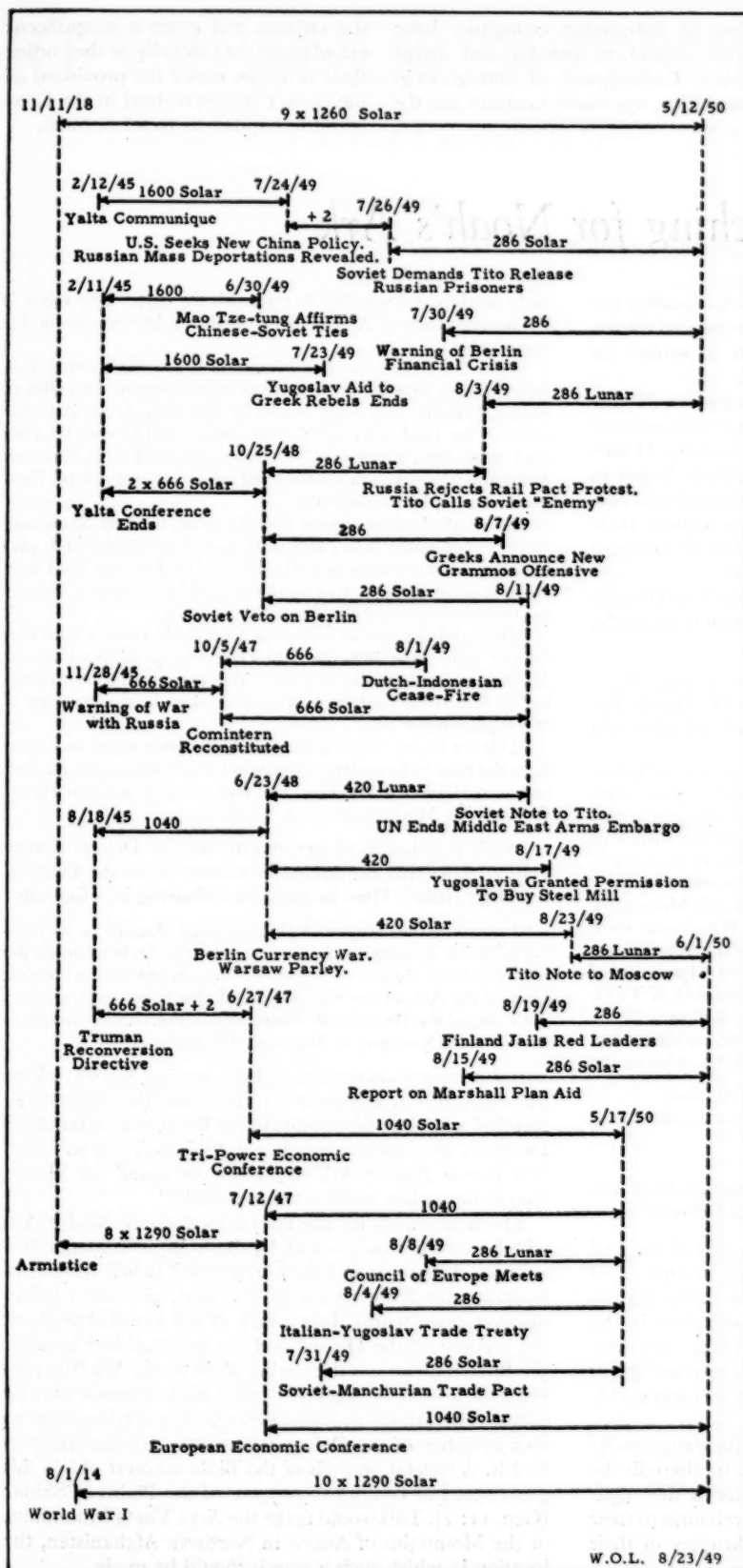
tions Security Council in lifting its embargo against arms shipments to the Middle East. The three time-cycles marking the date have been covered previously and are mapped on the upper center of the chart.

It was most significant that, previous to final Security Council action on the embargo resolution, the Soviet delegate sought to add amendments which would have excluded the Conciliation Commission from further Arab-Israeli peace talks and would have required the immediate withdrawal of all United Nations truce observers still in Palestine. Absence of UN observers would greatly facilitate the Soviet program for infiltrating Palestine.

The German story continued to unfold. Mayor Ernst Reuter of West Berlin warned on July 30 that a growing deflationary crisis in the former German capital might yet lose the battle to maintain West Berlin as a healthy and prosperous stronghold behind the iron curtain. With unemployment at an all-time peak, the Berlin mayor urged further help under the Marshall Plan and large-scale subsidies to Berlin industries. Note from the top of the chart that this foreshadowing development came precisely 286 days before the May 12, 1950 solar terminal of 9 x 1260 days after November 11, 1918.

Last month's article noted the action of the Western powers in protesting the failure of Soviet authorities to fulfill terms of the agreement ending the German rail strike. The Russians rejected the protest on August 3, stating that it was "apparently based on an incorrect interpretation of the agreement." Following receipt of the Soviet rejection, a British spokesman charged the Russians with a "deliberate breach of the agreement" ending the rail strike. All this provides yet another bitter lesson on the futility of negotiating pacts with the Soviets. Note from the upper section of the chart that the Soviet rejection came 286 days lunar after the Russians vetoed the United Nations compromise on the Berlin dispute on October 25, 1948 and also 286 days lunar before May 12, 1950.

The mid-August election in Western Germany assured that a right-wing coalition would be ruling the nation by September. The Christian Democrats emerged as the strongest single party, while other right-wing parties polled impressive blocs of votes.



Meanwhile, a special report by the United States military government for Berlin stated that the Russians' current air of friendliness was merely a pose to mask the Kremlin's real goal — Communist domination of all Germany. Military authorities considered that the Soviets had put aside the "cold war" as an instrument of policy in Berlin only for the moment. Frequent meetings of the four commanders had failed to produce a single major agreement for normalizing life in the split city.

Events are proceeding in the far-flung theatres of the East-West struggle against a constantly darkening backdrop of economic crisis. Great Britain is witnessing a great flight of capital from the British pound as citizens dump government bonds and seek to convert their cash into tangible assets. Meanwhile, British officials are already looking with pessimism upon the financial talks scheduled for Washington in September, believing that Secretary of the Treasury John Snyder — whom President Truman designated to preside over the conferences — does not appreciate the enormous political consequences that would follow British economic collapse.

The economic ills now besetting England and other European countries actually stem from disorders much more fundamental than economic policies. Mr. Bernard Baruch, returning from a survey of Europe, indicated that the Marshall Plan is falling down because European peoples are not working hard enough. As the crisis develops, it will grow progressively more evident that paternalistic governments — socialist or otherwise — provide no incentive for each worker to give his best efforts. Such incentive is found only in a free economy where low taxes permit workers to retain a commensurate proportion of their earnings.

Coming to harvest in the months ahead will be all the promulgations of false liberalism, all the clever machinations of economic planners. The structure of man's economic system has been allowed to stand pending the hour of Divine judgment. But the hour has now struck, and already men are alarmed as the doomed structure creaks and totters. Dramatic indeed will be the collapse as ultimate judgment overwhelms it coincident with

the climactic phases of the East-West showdown!

Lasting economic stability, impossible under any human system, will become attainable once the last ves-

tiges of Babylonian economics have been ground to powder and swept away. Unburdened of bureaucratic regulation, oppressive taxation and the incessant stress of boom-bust cycles,

the citizens will enter a magnificent era of peace and security as they order their activities under the provisions of the perfect laws enshrined in the Constitution handed to Israel at Sinai.

Searching for Noah's Ark

AN AMERICAN EXPEDITION to find Noah's Ark is scaling the towering heights of Mount Ararat which is situated on the Turkish-Russian frontier. This expedition is headed by Rev. Aaron J. Smith of Greensboro, N. C.

We believe they are looking in the wrong place for this ancient vessel. In past issues of *DESTINY* it has been pointed out that when Noah's Ark is found, it will be on the Mountains of Ararat in Afghanistan — not on Mount Ararat in Armenia. We therefore question if this expedition will find what it is seeking and it will be interesting to have their report on what, if any, object is found that has given rise to the stories told by the natives of that region.

The following is from *The Book of Beginnings* * and throws additional light on a subject that is becoming of public interest as a result of this expedition:

"Mt. Ararat in Armenia is not the Mountains of Ararat. Until recently Mt. Ararat in Armenia was known as Mt. Massis. The Mountains of Ararat of the Bible indicate not a single mountain, but a range of mountains.

"When the ark came to rest upon the Mountains of Ararat, the highest peaks of all the mountains of the earth were covered thirty feet or more by the waters of the Deluge. The top of Mt. Ararat in Armenia would have been so far below the surface of the water that the ark, with its draft of a little more than thirty feet, would have cleared this mountain by many feet.

"According to old geographies the Hindu Kush Mountains, extending from the eastern extremity of the Himalayas, were called Caucasus. Now this is the name of the mountain range between the Black and the Caspian Seas. The Mountains of Ararat was the ancient name of the high tablelands of Tibet. Tibet is a word from a Hebrew root which we find used in the Bible for the Ark of Noah. Legends from India tell of the land of Arya-Varta, in the northern highlands of Kashmir, whence the

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"What will this boaster produce worthy of this mouthing? The mountains are in labor; a ridiculous mouse will be born."

The Apostle John informs us that Cain was of the Evil One, then a murderer when he slew his brother Abel because his own works were evil and those of his brother were righteous (I John 3: 12). The account given in the fourth chapter of Genesis clearly shows that Cain slew Abel in a fit of anger. Even before murdering his brother he was meditating revenge because Abel's sacrifice was acceptable to God and his was not.

It is amazing to see the lengths to which these supposedly learned professors will go in their endeavor to discredit the Scriptural record. What they fail to realize is that their so-called learned pronunciations will later rebound to their discredit, for they will testify to the bankruptcy of their vaunted scholarship.

early patriarchs descended to replenish the earth. This name is but another form of Ararat. A mountain in Armenia bears this name today.

"After the Deluge the first migration is recorded, *coming from the east toward the west*. Those early pioneers came to the plains of Shinar. Looking at a map, it will be seen that Armenia is due north of the Euphrates valley. However, it will be seen that the land of Kashmir is due east. Thus, from the north of India came Noah and his sons as they journeyed westward, going forth from the Ark to replenish the earth.

"We might hazard a guess that the vessel used by Noah may be preserved under many feet of snow and ice in the high plateaux of the mountainous land of Tibet. In due time God may allow it to be revealed to a skeptical world and further demonstrate the accuracy of His Word.

"The northern part of India has been the home of mysterious science from time immemorial. The very name Kashmir or *Kashdim*, means "keeper of secrets." May there not yet be interesting facts to come forth from that land when it is opened up to real exploration?

"This we know, when Jesus was born there came wise men from the East to Jerusalem. They also were true *Kashdim*, for they had seen His star in the East, and had come to worship Him." (*DESTINY* for March 1946, page 102.)

In his translation of the account of the Deluge Ferrar Fenton states that the Ark came to rest "upon the Peaks of the High Hills." Then he gives the following in a footnote:

"I translate the compound Hebrew word 'Ararat' as, by leaving it in the Hebrew as the current versions do, it misleads the reader to fancy Ararat in Armenia is meant, but the real resting place of the Ark, as the Sacred Record clearly proves, was upon the Peaks of the Hymalayah Mountains in the Hindoo Koosh in the region of Kashgar, or Northern Afghanistan."

If this expedition returns without finding Noah's Ark on Mount Ararat, it will seem to substantiate the modernists', sceptics' and atheists' unbelief in the Biblical account of the Deluge. The unbelievers will say, "We told you so" and, "Of course Noah's Ark could not be found on Mount Ararat for such a vessel was never built."

The true reason for the failure to discover Noah's Ark will be entirely overlooked by both Bible students and sceptics. Because men follow traditional beliefs instead of searching the Bible record for the facts, they often fail to discover great truths. It is a lack of full knowledge about the account of the Deluge and the geographical location the Bible indicates as the resting place of the Ark that prevents the search for this vessel being made where it may be found. The failure to know these facts is leading men to seek evidence of the Deluge where they are not likely to find it. A careful analysis of the Bible account places this great vessel as coming to rest *east* of the Plains of Shinar (Gen. 11: 2). This would make the Arya Varta Mountains, or the Mountains of Ararat in Northern Afghanistan, the location in which such a search should be made.

REVIEW OF WORLD AFFAIRS

By KENNETH de COURCY

London, September 1 (By Cable)

TWO NOW COMMONPLACE questions are everywhere asked: On the Continent they say: "How is it that Britain, with vast overseas resources, is in so parlous a condition?" And in America: "How can the British Government accept loans and aid from a nation which can only give them as a result of free enterprise, and yet make a bitter propaganda against the very system upon which they have called for help?"

There was never the faintest chance that the American loan would prove a solution of Britain's problems; but for Marshall Aid, therefore, the present crisis would have come two years ago, and Mr. Attlee's government would already have been swept away by a violent storm.

It has never been true that Britain was recovering in terms of dollars; she has never been within sight of such recovery since the war ended. It is indisputable that the various internal economic and social experiments since 1945 have made British goods so expensive that a solution is now even further off. There is, indeed, for the same reason, the certainty of falling sales in many soft currency areas, thus making things worse.

Behind closed doors the leaders of all political parties in Britain admit this. In some cases what is said in public bears little relationship to the facts accepted in private. As we reported last month, the things that Cripps has said in private Press talks and in Parliament have been so different that even hard-boiled newspapermen have been shocked. Since no representative of ours was bound to secrecy in this, we feel able to report it. Labor, as everyone knows, has great political difficulties in admitting the facts which are shortly to crush the theories of 50 years. We are going to witness an extraordinary drama in this connection.

Spiritual Renaissance

Few people disagree with the proposition that the world's chief need is a great spiritual renaissance which would raise human conduct to a new level. Observers constantly report how millions feel this need and that it is more spoken of now than at any time for many centuries.

Strangest of all and most disconcerting to the Russian leaders, this feeling is beginning to penetrate the U.S.S.R. itself. The commotion is significant and fits into a world-wide tendency. Some observers think that because of it Communism will be forced into a certain mysticism. Our reports do not confirm this particular interpretation because the present leaders do not possess the faintest interest in such a change; they remain convinced of the old thesis.

Russia, as we know it today, will have long since changed its regime before a mystic Communism could arise; though if it ever did, it would be ten times more dangerous than Stalinism.

Human experience tells us that gigantic physical tasks like those now facing us can only be carried out successfully when inspired by a blazing conviction. If there is one

simple piece of news which stands out from all the rest, it is that millions upon millions are seeking for an inspiration.

No subject attracts more attention and applause from the average audience today in both America and Britain. Without the slightest doubt it is the fundamental issue of the hour, and likely to have as far-reaching an effect upon the next few generations as previous waves of feeling of this kind have in the past.

All this is published here because it is news of first importance. We go so far as to say that it comes before Russia's manufacture of the atomic bomb, which has caused such anxious Blair House meetings. The bomb comes second — and all the rest follows upon these two subjects. Some people may not like it at all. But that alters nothing. Our world news is not made up in an editorial room to please people — it is a series of facts the giving of which is our special task.

The Atom Bomb

Last January the following historic report appeared exclusively in this *Digest*:

"From three separate and most reliable sources, however, the news has recently come that the Soviet leaders believe that they will manufacture their first bomb in June 1949. This news has been accepted as factual by the Intelligence Service of at least one of the great world Powers, though for some reason the Government of that country has not seen fit to release the news."

It was at once clear that such news was of first importance and, if correct, would bring about a notable change in the balance of world affairs. It has proved to be correct. The news has come that Russia has, in fact, made some kind of atomic bomb. This Intelligence has been the subject of secret meetings at Blair House and was the subject of recent discussions.

We have news of a secret directive sent out to the Communist parties of eastern Europe on July 16. It was about the line to be taken on atom bomb developments in Russia. The instruction was that, in confidential meetings, leading party members should be told that the research stage has been passed and production was now beginning. It was added that this should not be divulged in public speeches likely to be picked up by the foreign Press.

It is now necessary to review the world situation afresh in this new light. It was one thing when only America had the bomb; it is quite another now that Russia has it too. The facts reveal that America has a large stock pile of advanced forms of the bomb. Russia has the bomb in very much less quantity and, it is thought, only in an early form.

The balance of atomic striking power, therefore, remains in America's favor. It is difficult to believe that it will ever be otherwise within time limits of practical interest. The change is not, therefore, so much in the balance of actual power, but is a more subtle one.

Russia thinks that any atomic weapon in her possession

has a greater power than its strictly military value because of the vulnerability of our great cities, and the interdependence of our highly concentrated communities. The Russians think that without using the bomb, the threat or fear of it will prove of great value to them.

Atlantic Powers

The Atlantic Powers have not been able to settle or deal with Russia while they alone possessed the atomic bomb. Now they have to solve the problem with Russia in possession of the weapon. Both sides wanted to achieve something between 1946 and 1949 and neither succeeded in doing so.

The Soviet leaders know that they have lost an historic chance of gaining all their ends, by reason of the fact that America's possession of the atomic bomb made it impossible for them to use their immense war machine between 1946 and 1949. This breathing space has proved of first importance, though not decisive, to the West. It is necessary to examine the advantages won and the opportunities still open to the Atlantic Powers now that Russia has atomic power but is losing strength in other ways.

Growing Discontent

News from inside Russia and the satellite States all shows that the Russian leaders are faced with growing discontent among the masses who show signs of weariness. In the satellite States, discontent and opposition come from two opposing forces — breakaway Communism and traditionalist movements made up of churchmen, nationalists, intellectuals and peasants. Landowners and large capitalists have been destroyed, so do not figure in this picture. The opposition to Russia shows signs of being extremely powerful and of spreading.

There is no country within the Russian system, with the possible exception of Bulgaria, in which first-class action could not now gravely embarrass and disrupt vital Russian plans. It may not be long before something could be done in Bulgaria too. Inside the Soviet Union itself, a large section of the Ukrainian people are boiling. Not long ago an informant of ours was able to travel from the eastern Ukraine right through Moravia, passed on from one point to another by active anti-Russian military units. Throughout the Asiatic republics there is discontent and fear. This is a special subject and one gravely neglected by those in authority. Among the Russian mass there is doubt and even anger.

Enormous transfers of population are reported from Bokhara, Tashkent, Azerbaijan and Turkestan. Orthodox practicing Moslems have either been removed to non-Moslem areas or driven into hiding.

Two Areas of Danger

The situation in the Far East is still getting worse. This is a very serious matter. In the Middle East, however, it is slightly better. American aid is daily making Turkey stronger. The Greeks are still fighting, despite great exhaustion. Nevertheless, Russian work in the near and Middle East and in Africa is on a vast scale and must again be noted.

In Russia itself there is extensive development of the Air Force under the energetic direction of Air Marshal Alexander Golovanov. He is building up a long range strategic bomber force of the most modern machines. Golovanov,

incidentally, is most anxious to make a success of this job, as he has heard rumors that Stalin's son, Vassily, who, at the age of 29, is a Lieut.-General in the Air Force, may replace him as its head. To be replaced in Russia means to be arrested, so Golovanov is apprehensive.

Early Forecasts

In the May issue of this *Digest* we referred to, "... reports of military movements in central and south-eastern Europe, the purpose of which is not yet clear. These are in sharp contradiction with the soothing appeasement which some commentators think the Russians may try. Some Washington observers think there is going to be Russian-made trouble in connection with Yugoslavia. . . ."

We also reported the establishment of munition depots in Hungary and a security zone of the Hungarian-Yugoslav frontier. Besides this we said: "Soviet motorized, artillery and infantry units are reported to have arrived in many cities (of Hungary). . . ."

These reports, collected by secret agents, working at great personal risk, have now proved correct. The official U. S. Intelligence services have found it necessary to warn the President that trouble is brewing — probably in connection with Yugoslavia. These official warnings, coming months after our reports, should be noted.

Situation in China

The Chinese Nationalists' broad plan was to hold on to Formosa and the western provinces of China, especially Szechwan, protected by the Moslem provinces of Sinkiang, Ningsia and Tsihai; to interfere as much as possible with the economic life of Communist China; and, in the event of world war, to squeeze as much as possible out of the Americans and attack the Communists. It was with all this in mind that Chiang Kai-shek went to Formosa, taking with him all he could. He also hopes that international incidents around Hong Kong or Macao may turn to his advantage.

The western situation is grim. The mistake of American help only to the central Government, excluding the more or less independent western Chinese forces, is now apparent. The Moslem provinces, which were the only ones to put up a real fight, got no help at all. Now it is virtually a geographical impossibility to provide it; and they are facing overwhelming odds.

Chiang Kai-shek hopes to keep his grip on Formosa by his possession of the whole Chinese fleet, such as it is, and his reserves of arms. The Communists, who have no navy, are therefore planning to take Formosa from the inside. This may turn out to be a comparatively simple operation, as the Nationalist administration is showing exactly the same signs of corruption and decadence as it did on the mainland.

The optimistic communiqués of Chiang Kai-shek's representatives in America and Europe are wholly unjustified. It has already cost enough to have listened to them since 1945. It would be supreme folly to listen to them now.

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Along the Highway of Prophecy

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PART II

IT IS SIGNIFICANT that before condemning the shepherds — the civil and ecclesiastical leaders of Israel — for their failure to properly take care of the interests of His people, God, through Ezekiel the Prophet, provided for watchmen to be selected from among His people to warn the House of Israel of coming trouble. It was after the watchmen's warnings had begun to be given to the House of Israel that the civil and ecclesiastical leaders came under severe condemnation for leading the people astray. Following that, the group dealt with are the enemies of Israel, about whom the watchmen were commissioned to warn the people.

Mount Seir and Idumea

In Ezekiel's next document (Ch. 35) he turns his attention to a people who, having coveted the land of Israel for many, many years, eventually seize possession of it by force. The prophecy is directed first against Mount Seir, which was the dwelling place of the descendants of Esau. This was pointed out to Moses when he was instructed where Israel was to march in their wilderness trek from Egypt to Canaan:

"Ye are to pass through the coast of your brethren the children of Esau, which dwell in Seir; and they shall be afraid of you: take ye good heed unto yourselves therefore: Meddle not with them; for I will not give you of their land, no, not so much as a foot breadth; because I have given Mount Seir unto Esau for a possession." (Deut. 2: 4-5.)

Later on in Ezekiel's prophecy, in addition to Mount Seir, "all Idumea" is mentioned, the latter being another term to identify the people addressed. As we study the implications of the references to Mount Seir and all Idumea, it should be kept clearly in mind that there are various branches of the line of Esau who will be found today represented in different groups of peoples. It is important to emphasize this, for otherwise we are apt to circumscribe the scope of prophecy as it

applies to Esau and Edom by undertaking to confine the fulfillment to one branch only of Esau's descendants.

We know there are various branches of the modern descendants of Abraham and Jacob and, in the same way, there are diversified racial groups who may claim Esau as their father. It is contrary to the facts to attempt to say that one people alone are the descendants of Esau, just as it is completely erroneous to state that the Jews alone represent the children of Israel in modern times.

Esau married two Hittite wives, Judith and Bashemath, and their children would certainly show far different racial characteristics than would be in evidence in the children of Mahalath, the daughter of Ishmael, whom Esau also married. An additional racial strain would also result from intermarriages which took place between the descendants of Esau and Ishmael, for Ishmael was the son of Abraham and Hagar and fathered an Arabian strain of peoples.

Among other peoples the Turks have played their part in the fulfillment of certain phases of the Esau-Edom prophecies, for they also may claim Esau as their father through one of the branches of his posterity. But Ezekiel is dealing here with one particular branch within the Esau-Edom line — identified by the terms used — and they are the group who are now laying claim to the inheritance of the House of Israel, as well as appropriating their name.

The Zionists

It is well to remember that the Zionist Jews are mostly of other origin than the stock of Israel (see *Palestine: Center of World Intrigue*,* page 13) who have through violence and bloodshed come into possession of the land of Israel and, in their endeavor to perpetuate their unlawful seizure of the land, have taken the name Israeli. The reason

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judgment is to come upon them is stated prophetically to be:

"Because thou hast had a perpetual hatred, and hast shed the blood of the children of Israel by the force of the sword in the time of their calamity, in the time that their iniquity had an end." (Ez. 35: 5.)

One of the outstanding characteristics of the Zionists is their spirit of unrelenting hatred. It is even in evidence in the utterances of their Sunday evening radio spokesman in his endeavors to perpetuate a spirit of revenge and hatred following the last world war, a fact which was pointed out in "Tares of Hatred," DESTINY for June 1949.

The earlier historical fulfillment of Ezekiel's prediction concerning this judgment upon Mount Seir was only the beginning of judgment; the final fulfillment will be visited upon the descendants of Esau in the closing scenes of the present age. The Zionists' seizure of Palestine by the sword, the killing of men of the House of Israel, demonstrating Zionist cruelty toward British soldiers, identifies them as the ones of whom Ezekiel is speaking. It is quite significant to also note that the Prophet refers to the time as that of the House of Israel's calamity and also as the time when "their iniquity had an end." This is a reference to the time of Israel's final punishment, when the Lord's hand is to rest upon them once more, compelling them through tribulation to know that He is the Lord (Jer. 16: 21).

Period of Crisis

The present world crisis is the period during which the Lord is bringing final pressure upon the House of Israel for this purpose. Since World War II that pressure has been manifested in increasing economic difficulties which are impoverishing His people. It is at this time that the Zionists have struck. The renegade Jews, whom John declares in Revelation are of the Synagogue of Satan, and are lying when they say they are Jews, for they are not (Rev. 2: 9; 3: 9), have, through the

shedding of blood, possessed Israel's inheritance and because of this the Lord renders judgment:

"Therefore, as I live, saith the Lord God, I will prepare thee unto blood, and blood shall pursue thee." (Ez. 35: 6.)

Moffatt translates this:

"Therefore, by my life! says the Lord the Eternal, you have been guilty of bloodshed, and blood shall pursue you."

Desolation Promised

The original home of Edom became a perpetual desolation as predicted by the Lord, and so, too, will the endeavors of the Zionists to establish a state in perpetuity meet with utter failure. Turning to the evidence of history, there is every reason to believe that at one time Edom was a center of culture and learning. The ruins of Petra testify today to the ancient grandeur of that earlier civilization. For centuries after Ezekiel wrote, Petra and the surrounding territory prospered, but finally the judgment predicted overtook the land. The judgments passed upon the people of that earlier time are to be repeated upon the remnant who today are duplicating the sins of their fathers in undertaking to lay claim to the land of Israel and Judah.

"Both these nations [Israel and Judah], and those two countries [Samaria and Judea] will be mine, and I shall possess them!" But the Ever-Living was there; therefore, by My life, says the Mighty Lord, "I will act like the rage and envy that you displayed against them, and display Myself as amongst them, when I punish you!" (Ez. 35: 10-11, *F. F. Trans.*)

Coming Judgment

As pointed out in "The Plot to Seize the Kingdom,"* the Zionist Jews are going to Palestine to be judged in accordance with our Lord's verdict:

"But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before me." (Luke 19: 27.)

It should be noted also that at the time of this punishment Ezekiel declares the Lord is going to be made known to all the House of Israel, which is further evidence to substantiate the timing of these events in relation to each other. The Zionist activities in Palestine are taking place just prior to the time of His triumphant return when He will manifest Himself in the

* See *Palestine: Center of World Intrigue*, Chapter II, pp. 39-50.

midst of Israel, saving them from their enemies. The Zionists will also know that Jesus Christ is the Lord at that time and they will recognize that He has heard all the blasphemies and insults they have uttered against Him:

"And you inflated yourself against Me by your mouth, and boasted against Me by your words!—I heard!" (Ez. 35: 13, *F. F. Trans.*)

The Land of Israel

When the whole earth rejoices, which will be as the result of the restoration of Kingdom administration, the Lord declares that those who are now delighted because of the injury they have been able to inflict upon the House of Israel are themselves to be made desolate. Ezekiel's next document follows naturally therefore, for the message in the 36th chapter is not only addressed to the House of Israel, but is directed specifically to the land of Israel; that is, Palestine, the territory that has now become a center of international controversy.

Timing the Invasion

The message of this chapter is addressed to the land after the enemy has invaded Palestine and it is important to note the timing of the events described. Because the Prophet does not provide the details of the invasion of the land of Israel until the documents incorporated in the 38th and 39th chapters of Ezekiel, some Bible students have jumped to the unwarranted conclusion that the armed invasion by Gog does not take place until after the events depicted in the 33rd to the 37th chapters inclusive have all been fulfilled. This is quite contrary to the correct method to correlate Ezekiel's documents.

As we have already pointed out, each of the documents, dealing first with the watchmen, then with the shepherds, and afterward with the activities of the Zionists, are complete in themselves. But in each of these documents the Prophet clearly indicates the point in the record of events with which he is specifically dealing at which the Gog (Russian) phase of the armed invasion of the Land of Israel will take place. Where the watchmen are concerned, that invasion does not come until the close of their period of warning. In the document condemning the civil and ecclesiastical leaders in Israel, this invasion is timed to take place when the Lord moves to deliver

His flock from the hands of these evil shepherds and when He appoints His servant David to take charge of His sheepfold.

But the document now under discussion must be considered in the light of the fact that the enemy has come against God's people. The Edomite Zionists are in possession of the ancient sites and Gog is in view here also, having invaded the land militarily. The Lord instructs Ezekiel to commence his prophecy by repeating the enemy's boast:

"The enemy hath said against you [or gloated over you], Aha, even the ancient high places are our's in possession." (Ez. 36: 2.)

The Psalmist described this arrogant, alien spirit when he prophesied:

"Lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and they that hate thee have lifted up the head. They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones. They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of [true] Israel may be no more in remembrance. For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee." (Ps. 83: 2-5.)

The Riff-Raff

Because of the initial successes gained by the Zionists and Soviet Russia against God's people, the Prophet is told:

"Therefore prophesy and say, Thus saith the Lord God; Because they have made you desolate, and swallowed you up on every side, that ye might be a possession unto the residue of the heathen, and ye are taken up in the lips of talkers, and are in infamy of the people: Therefore, ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord God." (Ez. 36: 3-4.)

Moffatt translates this:

"Therefore prophesy thus: The Lord the Eternal declares, Because you have been left desolate and crushed on every side, siezed by the riff-raff of the world, the talk and evil gossip of the mob, therefore, O mountains of Israel, listen to what the Lord the Eternal has to say."

What better term could the Prophet use to describe the type of men now dominating Russia and prominent in the councils and activities of the Zionists than to call them the riff-raff of the world? The record of cruelty and murder on the part of the leaders of Russia, and as practiced by the Zionists in gaining control over Palestine (see "Zionist Atrocities," *DESTINY* for Oc-

tober 1948), surpasses anything ever before recorded in modern history. The continuous barrage of propaganda from many parts of the earth, sponsored by the Communists, as well as by the Zionists, against both Great Britain and the United States, is certainly well named "evil gossip of the mob." The Prophet continues his message from the Lord:

"Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Surely in the fire of my jealousy have I spoken against the residue of the heathen, and against all Idumea, which have appointed my land into their possession with the joy of all their heart, with despiteful minds, to cast it out for a prey. Prophecy therefore concerning the land of Israel, and say unto the mountains. . . . Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I have spoken in my jealousy and in my fury, because ye have borne the shame of the heathen." (Ez. 36: 5-6.)

Moffatt translates this:

"Therefore the Lord the Eternal declares, I speak in hot indignation of the riff-raff of the pagans and especially of Edom, of all Edom, for taking my land to be their own, exulting in malicious spite, to prey upon its pastures. Therefore prophecy about the land of Israel . . . I speak in indignation and in fury, because you have had to bear the taunting of the nations."

Ferrar Fenton points out that the endeavor has been to make the land of Palestine "a province of broken nations." It is from Europe, a land of broken nations as a result of World War II, that the displaced persons, Edomite Zionists, have been trekking to Palestine. The attitude of the majority of these people from the broken nations is clearly summed up in the Lord's denunciation of them:

"My indignation against the broken nations, and against Edom; all of them who assigned My land to themselves as a possession, with a delighted heart and a malignant mind, that they should be a subject of plunder." (Ez. 36: 5, *F. F. Trans.*)

Words could not better express the present Zionist attitude and, as a result of it, and the false assumption that the name of Israel belongs to them, true Israel has been held up to the world in contempt. As Ferrar Fenton expresses it, true Israel is on "the end of the tongue as a contemptible people."

God's Fury

Both Russian Gog and the Edomite Zionists are to be subject to the fierce

anger of the Lord of Hosts for all they have done. A proclamation is addressed to the Land of Israel:

"Prophecy therefore concerning the land of Israel. . . . Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I have spoken in my jealousy and in my fury, because ye have borne the shame of the heathen: Therefore thus saith the Lord God; I have lifted up mine hand, Surely the heathen that are about you, they shall bear their shame." (Ez. 36: 6-7.)

Ferrar Fenton translates this:

"I promise you in My indignation and anger, — because you have borne the insults of the heathen, — therefore, thus says the Mighty Lord, 'I have raised My hand, — that the heathen around you shall bear their own disgrace!'"

Moffatt translates the seventh verse:

"Therefore, says the Lord the Eternal, I swear that the nations round you shall have to bear taunts when they are ruined."

In the "Russian Chapters" of Ezekiel, where the final judgment referred to here is outlined in detail, it is interesting to note that similar language is used to describe the Lord's anger. Ezekiel forecasts that this fury of the Lord occurs when He moves to finally destroy all of His people's enemies:

"And it shall come to pass at the same time when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, saith the Lord God, that my fury shall come up in my face. For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken." (Ez. 38: 18-19.)

All of these prophecies tell us, then, that the Zionist state is to be destroyed and when the heathen, Gog of the land of Magog, descend upon Palestine in full military force, they are to bear their own disgrace in the overwhelming destruction to be meted out to the invading hordes. It is at this time that the ill-boding prediction will be fulfilled:

"And I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains, saith the Lord God: every man's sword shall be against his brother. And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone. Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the Lord." (Ez. 38: 21-23.)

Message of Restoration

Having predicted the ultimate judgment to overtake Israel's enemies, a

message of hope is directed to Israel's land to be fulfilled after Gog's defeat:

"But ye, O mountain of Israel, ye shall shoot forth your branches, and yield your fruit to my people of Israel; for they are at hand to come. For, behold, I am for you, and I will turn unto you, and ye shall be tilled and sown: And I will multiply men upon you, all the house of Israel, even all of it: and the cities shall be inhabited, and the wastes shall be builded." (Ez. 36: 8-10.)

This is a forecast of the return of true Israel to the land of Palestine in the manner described in detail in other prophecies. It also suggests the proximity of that "return" to the defeat of Gog, "for they are at hand to come."

Still addressing the land, the Lord is grieved because of its disgrace:

"Thus saith the Lord God; Because they say unto you, Thou land devourest up men, and hast bereaved thy nations." (Ez. 36: 13.)

Since it became a prize to be fought over by vicious people, it became necessary for the Israel nations, whose responsibility it was to defend it, to lose men in strife and war trying to protect it. This state of affairs will cease, the Lord declares, and it will never again provoke world war:

"Therefore thou shalt devour men no more, neither bereave thy nations any more, saith the Lord God. Neither will I cause men to hear in thee the shame of the heathen any more, neither shalt thou bear the reproach of the people any more, neither shalt thou cause thy nations to fall any more, saith the Lord God. (Ez. 36: 14-15.)

Promised Blessings

Commencing with the 16th verse of this chapter, the Lord gives Ezekiel a message that is complete in itself. It is in the form of a summary, first recapitulating Israel's sins which made the punishment meted out by God necessary, then expressing God's pity for the people in their tribulations, mocked by their enemies, and finally, His promise of complete restoration and renewal for His own Name's sake.

The restoration of their old estates, and peace and prosperity, are assured to them. The reasons why the House of Israel had to suffer so much in the past are recounted by Ezekiel, showing the inevitable results when they were taken captive and driven out of their land. But now, Ezekiel asserts, for His Name's sake the Lord is restoring their land to them again, declaring He will be sanc-

tified in them before the eyes of all nations. Following this the Lord states:

"Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God." (Ez. 36: 25-28.)

Cleansed and Sanctified

It will be after the defeat of Gog that the House of Israel will be cleansed of all evil and will acknowledge to all the world that the Lord is their God. As a result of the defeat of all of Israel's enemies, including the Zionists, the promise is:

"Thus saith the Lord God; In the day that I shall have cleansed you from all your iniquities I will also cause you to dwell in the cities, and the wastes shall be builded. And the desolate land shall be tilled . . . become like the garden of Eden. . . . Then the heathen that are left [for millions will perish in the destruction of the forces of Gog, see Ez. 39: 2] round about you shall know that I the Lord build the ruined places, and plant that that was desolate: I the Lord have spoken it, and I will do it." (Ez. 36: 33-36.)

God declares He will yet be inquired of by the House of Israel to do all this for them, in this way indicating that, under pressure of victorious enemies, the House of Israel will at last turn to the Lord their God for help. Joel also indicates that this is what will happen when the call goes out for Israel to turn to the Lord and repent, rending the heart and not the garment, so that He may deliver them from the northern hordes (Joel 2: 12-20).

A Remarkable Vision

Ezekiel's next document is an account of a remarkable vision of a valley of dry bones. The purpose of this document is to demonstrate in detail the type of message the watchmen in Israel are to proclaim to God's people as the age draws to a close. It is a message of identity and responsibility and rests upon the descendants of the House of Israel in the world today. A complete exposition of this 37th chapter is not necessary here, for this vision has been adequately dealt with in the chapter titled "The Valley of Dry Bones,"

Documentary Studies, Part IV.* Let us point out, however, that in the coming together of "bone to his bone," we have the process of identification depicted which has been going on during the last century through the evidence given, demonstrating the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples to be the modern House of Israel in the world today. This identification is now beyond the speculative stage, for the multiplicity of irrefutable facts is positive proof concerning the position taken. However, it will not be until this great army of the House of Israel stands upon its feet that the Spirit of the Lord will have entered into them. This event is yet future but it is important to an understanding of the order of events to recognize that the timing of this spiritual awakening of the House of Israel coincides with the developments leading Gog to move against God's people. Then, as a result of God's intervention in behalf of His people and the subsequent defeat of Gog, with the destruction of the Zionist state now set up in Palestine, the House of Israel will awaken spiritually. After that they will be given possession of their own land again and Ezekiel concludes the explanation of the vision with the statement from the Lord:

"And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the Lord have spoken it, and performed it, saith the Lord." (Ez. 37: 14.)

Again it must be borne in mind that the knowledge concerning the identity, spiritual awakening and restoration does not come to the House of Israel until after the defeat of their enemies.

The Two Sticks

After this the word of the Lord came to Ezekiel, telling him to make a demonstration by uniting two sticks in one hand, representing Judah and Israel. The joining of these two sticks began to be accomplished when Scotland and England became united under the rule of one King. It is important here to recognize that many of the descendants of Judah are represented in the inhabitants of Scotland, which fact alone emphasizes the meaning of this reunion. For a number of centuries now these two sticks have been one in the hand of the Lord, carrying out His purposes as Great Britain has fulfilled her part in the prophecies applying to

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her in the time of latter-day Israel. The union of these two sticks was to take place a long time prior to the conflict with Gog of the land of Magog and would be an accomplished fact at the time of Gog's defeat:

"I will save them [the House of Israel] out of all their dwelling places, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God. And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes and do them." (Ez. 37: 23-24.)

We have already pointed out that when the Lord punishes the evil shepherds for their failure to take care of His sheep, He will appoint David His servant as a shepherd for His flock. When the final conflict is over the Lord will deal mercifully with Israel:

"Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore. My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And the heathen shall know that I the Lord do sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore." (Ez. 37: 26-28.)

The Divine Agenda

What an unwarranted assumption it is to try to make the events of the 38th and 39th chapters subsequent to the fulfillment of these great promises! Surely it is clear now that the documents incorporated in those chapters provide the details concerning the final conflict which is not only between Israel and her enemies, but between God and His foes. It is unnecessary to outline the pattern of the coming military moves on the part of Gog here, for this will be found in *Documentary Studies*, Part III, the section titled, "His Enemies and His Battle Ax."

In each of the chapters dealt with in this study the place is shown where the events of the 38th and 39th chapters take place. Until the student of prophecy recognizes this chronological order of events, he will fail to comprehend the full significance of what the Prophet Ezekiel has so clearly revealed in these documents. When carefully analyzed, these seven chapters of Ezekiel's book (33-39 inclusive) provide a most illuminating account of the order of events on the Divine Agenda.

Is Economic Ruin Inevitable?

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PART II

Banking Chicanery in the Twentieth Century

AT THE TURN of the century, money manipulation in the United States moved with accelerated pace. The Panic of 1903 was followed by another in 1907, which came so suddenly that local bankers over the nation, as well as the general public, were caught unawares. New York's great banks even refused to honor the drafts of these interior banks on their own deposits in the New York banks. Again a few scheming individuals had deliberately curtailed the medium of exchange to the detriment of all except themselves.

During this period long range plans were laid for further economic control of America. This golden era of international banking chicanery is linked with the emigration of the Warburg banking clan from Hamburg, Germany to New York. It began in 1894 with the arrival of Felix M. Warburg, who became a member of the New York banking firm of Kuhn, Loeb & Company. Then in 1902, his brother, Paul M. Warburg, arrived to join the firm of Kuhn, Loeb & Company. Since 1895 Paul M. had been a partner in the Hamburg bank of another brother, Max M. Warburg. Max remained in Hamburg to help guide the destiny of Germany. He wrote books on finance to "enlighten" the German people, and from 1924 served as adviser to the Reichsbank.

Paul M. Warburg was a dominant figure in the American financial scene from 1907 until his death in 1932. Although he did not become a naturalized American citizen until 1911, he was most active in planning national banking reorganization from 1907 to 1914, and was a member of the first Federal Reserve Board. This fact should be kept in mind as we look into the beginning of the so-called "Federal" Reserve System.

After the crash of 1907, Senator Nelson W. Aldrich of the Banking and Currency Committee sponsored the Aldrich plan, which was the first of-

ficial step toward the Federal Reserve Bank law. When the farmers and small merchants realized that the National Bankers' Association supported the Aldrich plan they made such vigorous protests against it that the plan had to be revised. The new Bill, written by Senator Robert L. Owen, was known as the Owen-Glass Federal Reserve Bill. The Bill, as originally written by Senator Owen and approved by the Senate Committee, contained a mandatory provision that *the price levels be kept stable*. But when the Bill reached the House of Representatives this extremely important mandatory provision was stricken out — *thus the very nature of the Act was changed and its purpose defeated*.

Here is the story in Senator Owen's words from his "Foreword" in *Money Creators* by Gertrude M. Coogan:

"In December 1907, I entered the United States Senate and served there for eighteen years. Within ninety days after I entered the Senate, on the 25th day of February 1908, I analyzed completely the Panic of 1907; showed its causes, how it could be cured, and how depressions could be prevented in the future. My text was *stability in the value of money*.

"I was made Chairman of the Committee on Banking and Currency of the United States Senate on March 5, 1913, and immediately drafted a Bill called the Federal Reserve Bill. . . .

"In July 1913, Hon. Carter Glass joined me in presenting to the Senate and to the House the so-called Federal Reserve Bill which had been prepared by me the previous March, but which had been expanded, and contained provisions with which I was not entirely content. My Committee was immediately called together to take testimony on this Senate Bill, and after 3,000 pages of printed testimony had been taken, my colleagues in the Senate authorized me to write another Bill. I thereupon had the Senate strike out the Bill that had been prepared in the House and substitute the Bill which I had originally prepared. The Senate adopted the Bill written by me without a change of word. In the Bill introduced in July, in which the Hon. Carter Glass joined me, I had inserted a provision *requiring that the powers of the Reserve*

System be employed in the service of commerce and to promote a *stable* price level. The meaning of this, of course, was to establish and maintain the stable value of money under mandate. This *mandatory* provision was stricken out in the House under the leadership of Hon. Carter Glass. I was unable to keep this mandatory provision in the Bill because of the secret hostilities developed against it, the origin of which at that time I did not fully understand."

What happened to the Federal Reserve Bill from the time it was written by Senator Owen in March 1913 until the Federal Reserve Act was passed by Congress in December of that same year?

One significant thing which took place in the meantime was a call meeting of bankers in New York City. Top international bankers summoned leading domestic bankers from all the forty-eight states to attend this meeting for discussions of a confidential nature "intelligible only to bankers." The presiding officer was a shrewd Internationalist, trained in European ways. His job was to sell the community bankers on the idea that the Federal Reserve System should be set up on the pattern of the European international banks.

He addressed the group on the advantages to be obtained by the bankers themselves, and the blessings they could bestow upon the people as a whole, by giving America a really unified banking system. A few banks, he told them, had become strong enough to serve the country adequately; but in the main, unfortunately, banks had remained local in scope and had not become an integral part of the great international system of banking. Real progress, he pointed out, is based upon "international coöperation."

England, he explained, is now asking us to set up a banking system similar to the Banks of England, France and the Reichsbank. Did he explain also that this request had not come from the British Government, but from the Rothschild privately-owned Bank "of England"? Did he tell his

audience that none of these European banks with the misleading names are government institutions? And that they are, instead, an interlocking chain of private banks owned by a closely knit group of money-changers? Did he let them see this gigantic banking monopoly encircling the globe and preying upon the people and resources of all nations? It is highly probable that he did none of these things. Domestic bankers should not be too well informed about the mysteries of banking.

However, the speaker had no trouble convincing most of the bankers present that our country must have a system that will make our currency "very elastic." The best way to do this, he said, is to establish twelve great Central Banks in various parts of the United States. Apparently each of the twelve banks would be independent, "but the lesser eleven will be expected to cooperate with the great Central Bank at New York City." Furthermore, he proposed that these banking institutions be called the "Federal Reserve System."

This system will enable us to create much wider gyrations in the price structure, he added; and besides, we shall have "bigger and better business cycles." The required minimum "reserves" will be much smaller than under present banking laws, he assured the nation's local bankers, and you can then issue a greater volume of (fountain pen) money.

"Under the proposed system you community bankers in the smaller cities will be required to keep only 13% 'reserve' against your demand deposits and 3% against your time deposits. You see, this will give you greater leeway. In reality, for every dollar of real money deposited as a demand deposit, you can expand 7 plus times, and for every dollar deposited as a time deposit, you can expand 33 times. This will provide immense possibilities for the creation of broad business cycles.

"You will keep your reserves in the Central Bank of your district. The Central Bank of your district will be required to keep a 35% gold reserve against your deposits ('reserves'). This will mean that since only 35% gold reserve against deposits (your reserves at Central Bank) is necessary, \$1.00 of gold in the vaults of the Central Federal Reserve Bank will support a maximum of \$30.00 in your private promises-to-pay, which the people have been taught to regard as money.

"The community bank must have on the books of one of the twelve Central

Banks a deposit of \$14,500. Against this deposit (reserve) the Central Bank must have a 35% gold reserve; 35% of \$14,500 equals \$5,075. Therefore, \$5,075 in gold will support \$150,000 deposits (loans) in the community bank. In other words, \$1.00 in gold will support \$30.00 in promises-to-pay of the community bank, for \$150,000 is approximately 30 times \$5,075.

"This Federal Reserve System will enable us to use Government bonds (taxpayers' promises-to-pay given to private bankers in exchange for private bankers' unsecured promises-to-pay) as a part of our reserves in a much more efficient way than we have ever done before. We will be able to carry on what are known as 'open market operations.' That simply means expanding or contracting the volume of the community bank reserves on the books of the Central Bank, by taking Government bonds in or out of community banks. . . .

"This system will be 'Federal' in name only. The private bankers will own it. Originally we will promise to share with the Government the heavy profits on our monetary franchise which the Government will thus place in our hands; but later on, when profits are ready for distribution, doubtless ways can be found to avoid too generous a sharing of the proceeds derived from our management. . . . Of course, the public will be told that the object of the new system is to act as a 'stabilizer.' " (See *Money Creators*, ch. 5.)

It is not difficult to discover the source of the secret hostilities to which Senator Owen referred, when one looks into the writings of Paul M. Warburg. In the following paragraph, note how he takes credit for influencing the passage of the Federal Reserve Act in its final form:

"I do not claim to have originated any new banking principle; but from my arrival in America I have been impelled to urge the adoption of the fundamental principles upon which, under varying forms, were based the practices of every industrially advanced country except the United States. It was owing to the interest I had shown in banking reform that, when the Aldrich Banking & Currency Committee was appointed, I was invited to assist it in formulating a plan providing for the creation of a Central Reserve Association with regional branches." (*The Federal Reserve System, Its Origin and Growth*, p. 8.)

Edwin R. A. Seligman's introduction to Paul M. Warburg's *Essays on Banking Reform in the U. S.*, written in August 1914, contains this statement:

"For it may be stated without fear of contradiction that in its fundamental features the Federal Reserve Act is the work

of Mr. Warburg more than of any other man in the country."

The late Edwin R. A. Seligman, a Columbia University teacher and "economist," was the son of Joseph Seligman, founder of the J. & W. Seligman & Company, international banking house in New York, with branches in San Francisco, New Orleans, London, Paris and Frankfurt am Main.

The extent of Warburg's proposed control through a Central Reserve Bank is suggested on page 39 of the *Essays*:

"The Currency Committee of the Merchants of New York, in a letter dated July 27, 1910, recognizes as Paul M. Warburg's plan the proposed United Reserve Bank, which was to end all currency famines and money panics, and relieve the national treasury of all responsibility for the money market, international exchanges and movements of gold."

It is important to note that this letter is dated July 27, 1910, and Paul M. Warburg did not become a naturalized American citizen until 1911. Was he "invited" to assist the Senate Banking & Currency Committee, as he says? Or was pressure brought to bear upon the Committee to make his help seem indispensable?

By this somewhat devious path we can begin to see the blighting work of certain powerful, united aliens in our midst. Their presence explains the strange metamorphosis of the Federal Reserve Bill from its inception in March 1913, until its passage by Congress on December 23, 1913. Their presence explains why Senator Owen's *genuine Federal Reserve Bill* ended in a colossal private banking system for Mr. Warburg and his international colleagues. It has been well said that "the Federal Reserve System is one of the most destructive economic instruments ever placed in the hands of private individuals and has been used as such."

A few comments from *Money Creators* furnish food for thought at this point:

"In 1913 Congress passed the 'Federal' Reserve Act. It was loudly advertised as a glorious achievement. The Congress was told that it was the last word in modern banking practice. Undoubtedly it was for those who inserted trick clauses and removed essential protective mandates. Congressmen were told that it was modeled after the Bank of England, the Bank of France, and the Reichsbank of Germany, so that it could not fail to be well nigh perfect.

"What the American people were not told was that all of these European banks are *not* governmental institutions as their names were intended to infer, *but are private banks*, whose charters were the result of legislative trickery and have for centuries enslaved the people of their respective nations. Our people were not told that the New Federal Reserve System was modeled upon the system exemplified by the Rothschild European Central Banks with their misleading names."

"So we accepted the mis-statements of 1913, and our textbooks in high schools, colleges and universities were rewritten to proclaim the glories of the Federal Reserve System. We were told that we would never again have banking collapses, and that business depressions could now be avoided due to the elasticity of the system. These were grave falsehoods because the Federal Reserve System simply turned over to agents of the international bankers still greater powers to create a collapsible banking structure than they had previously possessed. . . .

"The stock of the Federal Reserve Banks is not owned by the Government of the United States. It is owned by private banks exclusively. They do not pay one cent for the use of the great privilege of lending to the United States the nation's own credit. Instead the nation pays them. The United States does not, in any way, participate in the profits of the Federal Reserve System. When the Act was originally passed, an inducement was offered the people in that the United States Government was to participate in the profits after the surplus account had reached a certain percent of the total capital invested. But later on so-called 'perfecting amendments' were added to the Act so that today the United States is not entitled to one single cent from the operations of the Federal Reserve Banks."

"Examine a Federal Reserve Note issued by any one of the twelve Central Federal Reserve Banks. You will note that the Federal Reserve Banks do not agree to redeem them. The Federal Reserve Notes read: 'The United States of America will pay to the bearer on demand.' The United States guarantees all of the paper money that is issued by the Federal Reserve Banks. The Federal Reserve Banks do not issue this paper money upon their own financial responsibility, yet they collect interest on it."

"Do the Federal Banks pay for the privilege of issuing these Federal Reserve Notes (paper currency)? No, they do not. The Federal Reserve Act, Section 16, provided that they would pay an interest charge fixed by the Federal Reserve Board. The Federal Reserve Board has always fixed that rate at zero. [Note: Remember — Paul M. Warburg was a member of that first Federal Reserve Board.] Therefore, these twelve Central

Banks and the member banks use the nation's credit to the extent of many, many billions and never pay for it. Practically all of the currency (pocket money) we have in circulation today is currency issued by the Federal Reserve Banks. They use the nation's credit free, but the nation itself is paying interest on it every day it is outstanding. Under the present Federal Reserve Laws the people can expand their currency only by going deeper into debt and paying more interest."

"Under our present arrangements, if the United States Government needs a million dollars, it issues bonds for that amount to the Federal Reserve Banks. The Federal Reserve Banks 'buy' the million dollars in bonds. They can then redeposit those same bonds with the Government and receive a million dollars in new currency printed at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing (owned and operated by the United States Government). While these Federal Reserve Banks use and loan the currency, they will also get interest on the Government bonds which they have deposited. They are required to keep only 5% cash on deposit with the Treasury and to pay $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% tax which is supposed to cover the cost of printing and replacing worn out currency. No intelligent person can give any good reasons (excepting that the system is thoroughly dishonest), as to why the United States Government should not issue the currency in the first place, rather than issue tax-exempt interest-bearing bonds, and then permit the holders of those bonds, the bankers, to use the bonds as security for the issuance of currency."

"A few years ago Mr. Thomas A. Edison was asked if he favored the Government borrowing to develop a project then being considered. Mr. Edison's reply was: 'Any Government that can issue a dollar bond, interest bearing, that is good, can issue a dollar bill non-interest bearing, that is good. The only difference is that the bill . . . does not draw interest.'" (pp. 132-3, 141-3.)

Did the international bankers know in 1913 that a war was in the making and timed to break in 1914? Undoubtedly they did. For some parts of the Federal Reserve Act, as Miss Coogan says, "seem to have been altered at the instigation of those who apparently knew that a great war was being planned. Financing a war would require a great central bank, which would manufacture billions of new 'credit money' to finance the huge production for destruction."

"After all," she adds, "it is a magnanimous government that allows a few private individuals to create its money for it, and then allows the dear hard-working private

citizens to buy those creations, and pay tribute ever after in interest." (pp. 54-55.)

From the foregoing facts we see that the "Federal" Reserve System was finally established along the lines advocated by the international bankers. This system was guaranteed to end all money panics, "and relieve the national treasury of all responsibility for the money market, international exchanges and movements of gold." Its sponsors and manipulators have certainly "relieved" the national treasury all right — and left it more than two hundred and fifty billion dollars in the hole. And, as everyone knows, it did *not* prevent the panics of 1921 and 1929, as promised. Therefore, it will not be amiss to see how the Federal Reserve System was actually used to bring about those depressions."

World War I began in August of 1914, after the passage of the Federal Reserve Act in December 1913. Soon the United States was involved in financing war supplies for the Allies, and later for our own vast Army and Navy."

"How did we finance the purchase of those gigantic amounts of perishable goods which were destroyed in the conduct of the World War? We financed them by allowing the Federal Reserve System (a privately-owned and controlled central banking institution) to create its own private promises-to-pay and our national Government borrowed these privately-owned banks' promises-to-pay. . . .

"The United States Government printed Government bonds which were signed by the Secretary of the Treasury. These Government bonds are taxpayers' promises-to-pay. They are secured by mortgage on all of the properties within the nation and are a prior claim on all national income, due to the fact that Congress has the power to levy taxes. The member banks of the Federal Reserve System took these interest-bearing Government bonds (taxpayers' promises-to-pay) — in other words, the privately-owned Federal Reserve Banks *created* deposits payable to the United States Government. The Federal Reserve Banks turned over to the United States Treasury a 5% reserve of real money against the total amount of bonds which the Government issued to them in exchange for their private promises-to-pay (which they called money and which was spent by the United States Government). These manufactured deposits became immediately available for checking purposes by the United States Government. This was credit, or bank deposit inflation, the most dangerous possible, because it could be collapsed at will by secret private interests; which was done in 1920 when,

suddenly, the 'bottom fell out' of our economic structure." (*Money Creators*, pp. 137-8.)

Let us now see how this was done. On May 18, 1920, a secret bankers' meeting was held in Washington, D. C. According to the published proceedings of this meeting, it was held in the name of the Federal Board, the Federal Advisory Council and the Class "A" Directors of the Federal Reserve Banks. On the recommendation of "The Orderly Deflation Committee of the American Bankers Association," a secret resolution was passed *declaring for the contraction of money and credits*. Presumably the resolution was recommended by the American Bankers Association.

An account of this meeting is contained in Volume 64, Part 5 of the 67th Congress, Fourth Session; and in the *Congressional Record*, Page 4858, Proceedings of February 28, 1923. The names of those attending the meeting, and their statements, can be obtained by writing the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C., and requesting Document No. 310 of the 67th Congress, Fourth Session. However, as to the names mentioned in the Document, and the purpose of the secret resolution, it is well to remember the following statements from the Hon. Finly H. Gray's report of this same meeting:

"The manipulating financiers and bankers, the master minds of frenzied finance, engineering this gigantic secret movement, were not there, present and in person, but were pulling the wires, directing and prompting their tools, puppets and cat-paws from afar. . . .

"Mr. John Skelton Williams, Comptroller of the Currency, when this contraction of money was proposed, explained his efforts to stop the resolution being drawn. In relating his efforts to the late John A. Simpson, he said: 'I told the other members of the board, Do you know that this will break lots of little country banks? They cold-bloodedly answered me, They ought to break — there are too many of them. I then told them, Don't you know it's going to ruin lots of farmers, and they cold-bloodedly replied to me, They ought to be ruined — they are getting so prosperous they will not work.'" (*Congressional Record*, May 2, 1933.)

Thus, once more hard-working American patriots were sold down the river. Federal Reserve Banks, "under orders of the Federal Reserve Board, pursuant to the secret resolution of

May 18, 1920, without notice or warning, began to raise the rediscount rate from 2% to 5%, to 7%, to 8%, to 9% and until, for some farm banks, the rates were much higher." The results of this highhanded manipulation through the Federal Reserve System are ably stated in a few paragraphs from *Money Creators*:

"Simultaneously with this drastic increase in the rates, the Central Reserve Banks began selling Government bonds. This selling continued until the price of 'Liberty' bonds dropped to 80. The people who remember their own efforts to get anything like the price they paid for Liberty Bonds, which they had to sell to live, will recall the type of purchasers who opened over-the-counter places in which these bonds were bought at bargain levels. Had these bond buyers been particularly noted for their patriotism during the War?

Falling bond prices decreased the 'reserves' of the community banks. Decreasing reserves made it imperative that the community banks call in their local loans and force all borrowers to pay. This brought a terrific liquidation of all agricultural products. Almost in the twinkling of an eye, agricultural prices tumbled to ruinously low levels. . . . This was premeditated: the farmer had to be ruined and kept ruined if Americans were to be finally subjected and eventually bolshevized.

"Rural banks could accept farmers' deposits, but could not loan farmers' money to farmers; such loans were 'unsound' by decree of the Federal Reserve dictators. Thus, the sluices were prepared for draining the rural money to industrial centers, and thus, via speculation, into the hands of the Internationalists. On this sudden fall of the price levels, the confiding and unsuspecting farmers and other citizens of the agricultural districts, saw their property, crops and produce sinking in a vortex of falling values, forcing down and destroying their buying power, their interest, debt and mortgage paying power. . . . This destructive policy was pursued intentionally. It was not an experiment. Hon. Finly Gray said that they knew exactly what the result would be. . . .

"It is interesting to note that at the time of the agricultural collapse in the United States, some in charge of the destructive policies sent their paid agents out into the agricultural states to misinform and mislead farmers. The purpose was to promote dissension and radicalism. Those who instigated these movements were the paid agents of the very ones who were responsible for placing the terrible economic pressure on farmers. Their object was to make the American farmer lose faith in his own institutions and innocently become a party to the destruction of his own country." (pp. 62-64.)

Now that farmers could be kept paralyzed with agricultural prices below the cost of production, plans were laid for another upward swing in the business cycle, which were to end this time in the crash of 1929. The dizzy spiral — aimed especially at businessmen, investors and industrialists — started in 1923, when the United States began making irresponsible foreign loans to the countries of Europe and South America. "Many of these loans," says an informed analyst, "were for fantastic purposes and the borrowers had no intention of ever paying them."

Then in 1927, Montagu Norman (Norman Montagu) of the Rothschild-controlled Bank of England came to New York for the purpose of persuading the Federal Reserve Board to reduce the rediscount rate. This reduction was opposed by the eleven Federal Reserve Banks outside New York City; nevertheless, they were ordered to lower their rediscount rates and begin buying additional Government bonds. The purpose of this move was to build up huge reserves in the city banks with which to float the frenzied credit inflation and stock market speculation of 1928-29.

People were encouraged to borrow and speculate. Loans were made on collateral of any kind. It was common practice for corporations to sell additional stock to investors who borrowed the entire amount at their banks, using the stock as collateral. As these unsound bank loans went into the stock market, the price of securities soared to unprecedented heights. It was not unusual for stocks of corporations, which had little property and small earnings, to sell at from twenty to fifty times their earnings. The wild orgy of credit spending continued unabated until the crash came that canceled the credit money then in use, destroyed the nation's purchasing power, and ruined countless individuals and businesses.

"Rumblings began to sound in September 1929. . . . All during September and up until the third week of October, while some securities were making new highs, there was heavy liquidation. European sellers of securities were converting into cash and transferring their balances abroad. Gold began to flow to Europe.

"On October 24, 1929, at 11:00 sharp, hundreds of thousands of shares in hundreds of issues were offered for sale 'at the market.' It was a very strange thing

that this could have been a mere accident. It was most unusual that thousands of people decided to sell at the same instant. It was also strange that they all decided to sell 'at the market.' Inexperienced stock traders do not put in 'market' orders. That's a trick known only to the 'wise boys' — the internationalists and their cohorts, the type of government adviser speculator who says 'a speculator has to be right.'

"The market continued to crash day after day. The new era was over. The internationalists had squeezed the money accordion. It was they who had pumped the air into it and it was now their privilege to let it out. . . . It was 'legally' their instrument; theirs was the exclusive franchise to play it for private pleasure — and personal profit." (*Money Creators*, pp. 69-70.)

We are told in *Webster's Biographical Dictionary* that Paul M. Warburg "gained prominence (Mar., 1929) by warning of disaster threatened by wild stock-market speculation, seven months before the panic (Oct., 1929)." Why was Mr. Warburg so late with his warning? At that advanced stage of the game, it was as helpful as warning a rat after he is securely trapped.

One of the most enigmatic figures in the American financial scene during this period, and in subsequent years down to the present, is Bernard M. Baruch. Through many years Mr. Baruch has been signally honored by the American press with the titles "elder statesman" and "adviser to Presidents." The "gaunt and gray" Bernard Baruch has advised all our presidents — both Democrats and Republicans — ever since the early days of Woodrow Wilson's administration. He took his full share of responsibility for the first World War, which was supposed to make the world safe for democracy, when he said to a select Committee of the United States Congress:

"I assumed that responsibility, sir, and that final determination [as to the distribution of war supplies] rested within me. That final determination . . . of whether the Army or Navy should have it rested with me; the determination of whether the Railroad Administration could have it, or the Allies, or whether General Allenby should have locomotives, or whether they should be used in Russia, or used in France. . . . I probably had more power than perhaps any other man did in the war; doubtless that is true."

Are there any indications that this power has diminished during the in-

tervening years? Was it not rather increased by the long Roosevelt administration and a second World War?

Mr. Baruch tells us in his own writings that he got out of the stock market before the 1929 crash. If he is the wise, patriotic "statesman" we are led to believe, why did he not warn the American people of the danger and guide them in the path of economic safety? As presidential "adviser," why did he not warn President Herbert Hoover and share with the nation's chief executive the knowledge which led Mr. Baruch to sell his own stocks? If Mr. Hoover had known the truth at that time — if he had not been deceived — he would never have made the mistake of telling the people that "a business recovery is just around the corner." In fact, Mr. Hoover admitted privately afterward that he knew the monetary policies in force should be changed. "When asked why, as President of the United States, he did nothing to effect this change, he answered that those in charge of the Federal Reserve policies would not allow him to act, or even make his knowledge known to the public."

This hidden control plainly suggests the existence of dangerous, powerful, behind-the-scenes individuals, who stop at nothing to make our elected representatives subservient to them. Does it not account also for the tragic turmoil and mismanagement of the postwar era at home and abroad, and for the vacillation of the pseudo "Truman policies"?

In 1924 Nikolai Lenin said, "*Some day we will force the United States to spend itself to destruction.*" That was no idle statement. It was based on Lenin's knowledge of a crafty world-wide plot against Christian civilization. Undoubtedly, it is the fulfillment of that plan which characterizes the incredibly fantastic events we have seen transpiring in this country since the beginning of the late Franklin D. Roosevelt's first term as president.

By January 1932, even the great New York City banks were looking for a place to unload their frozen loans. So Congress was asked to set up the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, by means of which "the large city banks were able to remove the frozen loans from their own portfolios and put them on to the taxpayers of the United States." This move put the Government in the money lending business. And now the Federal Gov-

ernment has some forty or more agencies lending the taxpayers' money; although, under the Constitution, government is not empowered to collect taxes and allow certain favored individuals to borrow public funds. Furthermore, "the selling to the R. F. C. of Preferred Stock (under force) in most of the banks, has practically placed every business man in the United States under control of the internationalists. The control of individual banks by the National Government is very dangerous." Just how dangerous it is, we can judge from the following statement by G. D. H. Cole, a prominent British Socialist:

"Before a Labor Government nationalizes any productive industry, it should nationalize the banks. With the banks in our hands we can take over other industries at our leisure."

In 1934 the perfidious Gold Bill was railroaded through Congress. Members of both House and Senate asked for open hearings and an explanation of the Bill before passage, but it was not even printed and circulated according to Congressional custom. Yet Congressmen, with the exception of a few conscientious men, blindly and stupidly voted in favor of it. Authorship of the Bill was never revealed. President Roosevelt publicly admitted that he signed the Bill without reading it and refused to name the authors.

This brings us to the lush years of Treasury manipulation by Henry Morgenthau, Jr. It is interesting to recall that he served a brief period as Undersecretary of the Treasury in 1933, and became Secretary of the Treasury in 1934.

Citizens of this country have never been told the truth about the so-called nationalization of gold. They were led to believe that the Government "actually took control of the gold away from the privately owned Federal Reserve Banks and placed it in the sole possession and control of the Treasury of the United States." But this is not true. Under a number of broad provisions in the 1934 Gold Bill, the Reserve Banks can retake the gold from the United States Treasury, *if they are carried out with the sanction of the Secretary of the Treasury*. And this is the spot where Henry Morgenthau, Jr., came in handy. What a perfect setup for the Internationalists!

The 1934 Gold Bill provided for a "Stabilization Fund" of two billion

dollars to be managed solely by the Secretary of the Treasury. Have you ever seen any report as to how Mr. Morgenthau used this secret fund? Congress and the people were not informed about its operations, and even the President is not authorized by law to control its use.

The Export-Import Bank is another product of this prolific era. It serves to drain more and more dollars from the taxpayers into the "Stabilization Fund," where it will be available to surreptitiously prop the ever-expanding program of Soviet Russia and world Communism. (Since this statement was written, it has been confirmed by a news report that the Export-Import Bank is considering making a loan to Yugoslavia's Communist Dictator Tito.)

The Roosevelt-Morgenthau Baruch-Frankfurter regime is something new under the sun in this "sweet land of liberty." It has saddled us with the most extensive and extravagant bureaucracy in the history of the world. Since the days of NRA and WPA, it has multiplied tax-eating alphabetical agencies to such an extent that people can no longer interpret the letters without a New Deal lexicon. This regime throws public funds to the winds as irresponsibly as revelers scatter confetti at a carnival. It maneuvered us into a war involving most of the continents and the seven seas. Under false pretenses, it finds many occasions to finance the enemies of our country and persecute its friends. President Truman fell heir to the "queer" deal, but loyally gave his pledge to perpetuate it as a "Fair Deal."

And now we are dizzily on our way to a socialized One World. Through the Bretton Woods Conference, Dumbarton Oaks, and other such schemes, Morgenthau has been moving to perfect a World Bank, *which would mean the surrender of United States Sovereignty*. Comparatively few citizens realize that our participation in a World Bank or a world currency scheme directed by international bankers would bring to an end the rights of free enterprise and put all producers into ruinous competition with the oppressed peoples of Europe and Asia.

The "One Worlders" have a most deceptive propaganda line. In clever phrases that bespeak scholarship and altruism, they influence public sentiment in behalf of internationalism. A

shining light to guide us in the *broad way* of internationalism "that leadeth to destruction" is James P. Warburg, son of Paul M., whose "advice" defeated the original purpose of the Federal Reserve Act, as we have seen. Through the years James P. has carried on the traditions of the Warburg clan. He was an international banker during the 1920's, and, although born in Hamburg, Germany, he served as financial adviser at the London Economic Conference in 1933, and during the last war he was director of propaganda policy for the Office of War Information. He now calls himself a "roving reporter" and generously shares his opinions with the American public through his lectures and books.

His 1949 book, *Last Call For Common Sense*, is timed to promote world federalism as a means to peace in this atomic age. He criticizes the administration at Washington for failing to revise the charter of the United Nations. "We shall not be firmly on the road to peace," he contends, "until the Government of the U. S. makes up its mind to move — no matter how cautiously — toward the transformation of the United Nations into a world government. . . . There can be no lasting peace so long as a world which has become physically one refuses to recognize its unity."

Disaster beyond one's apprehension lies in that direction. World Government, as the Internationalists plan it, means World Dictatorship with the kings of finance on the throne, ruling humanity with unspeakable ruthlessness.

The Antidote To Chaos

There is no use to deny the fact that we are on the verge of the most distressing economic collapse in all our history. Moreover, we are on the way to losing our Constitution and its principles of representative government. Many citizens are now convinced that there is grave danger in piling up unlimited national debts, and that the tendency to ignore the protective mandates of the Constitution is a still graver menace; but, as yet, there is little agreement either in regard to underlying causes or in the methods of coping with the situation.

Some well-meaning people feel certain that a change of political party in national administration would solve every problem. It is a futile hope. If

the last presidential campaign served any useful purpose, it was to show how completely all political parties in this country are controlled by the same manipulators. The spectacle reminded one of a three-ring circus, where each group of actors performs in a separate ring with its own leader, while all three groups are directed by the same master of ceremonies. In their party platforms did the Democrats, the Republicans, the Socialists, or the Wallace Communists, advocate an honest monetary system? Or a return to genuine constitutional government? Actually, there was less difference in their party planks than there is in tweedledum and tweedledee. Political leadership that refuses to take a stand for the basic principles that have been the nation's strength and glory in the past is unworthy of confidence. Mere partisanship is not the answer to our problems.

Before proceeding with a discussion of the probable outcome of present conditions, it seems necessary to digress long enough to determine the meaning of the word "inflation." It is a pet word used by the "hired economists" to frighten the populace away from any plan for a just and scientific monetary system. For example, in 1933, the late President Roosevelt made a step in the right direction when he announced his intention to raise the price of an ounce of gold.

"But immediately the newspapers throughout the country released a terrible campaign of terror and intimidation. Mr. Baruch had already favored the United States with a terrifying article on inflation, in which he wisely warned against repetition of the German inflation. It is so strange 'experts' do not explain that raising the price of an ounce of gold is *not* inflation in any sense of the word. Raising the price of an ounce of gold is *revaluation*. Did Mr. Baruch explain that throughout the entire history of money, the only time inflation, as he described it, took place was when the internationalists wanted to destroy not only the value of the currency but also the government of a country? *Never* has any government itself conducted such an inflation.

"A vicious inflation is produced only by printing an enormous amount of paper money and putting it into the money stream of a nation without any regard to the actual amount of money required to conduct the nation's business at price levels which are honest and equitable. . . .

"There are two kinds of inflation: one by expansion of bankers' credit; the other by expanding the currency (billfold

money). The latter may be an expansion which will be scientific and adequate and no more; or the kind of expansion as was carried on by the private international bankers, during the 'French' Revolution, after the 'Russian' Revolution of 1917, and in Germany after the War, etc. This destruction of the value of currency (making it actually worthless) has never been brought about by politicians, but always by the international bankers themselves. It has never been the statesmen-politicians, but always the international bankers who have caused unjustified inflation wherever it has occurred in the past 150 years. There is not one example of a government which misused its national currency. . . .

"Was it the international bankers, who know no patriotism, who were responsible for the German currency destruction in 1922 and 1923? It was a private money inflation of Reichsbank Notes perpetrated upon innocent Germans. This was intentionally done to dispossess the great middle class of German people. The same thing will be done to the middle class of American people if they do not arise and restore their money creation powers to the jurisdiction under which it belongs—the Congress of the United States. . . ."

"The German financial structure was in no condition whatever to warrant the destruction of the currency, if that had not been the planned intention of the international money lenders. . . . From the time of the signing of the (Versailles) Treaty in June 1919 until the beginning of 1922, the international powers who were in control of the Reichsbank and the German Government were manipulating to gain control of actual physical property in Germany. They went so far as to get the banking laws of Germany drastically changed, so that they could borrow unlimited amounts from the Reichsbank and purchase physical property with the knowledge that the loans could later be repaid with worthless currency."

"It is one thing for a nation itself to issue sufficient currency, bearing its own imprint, to effect the volume of exchanges necessary to feed, clothe and shelter its people, and it's quite another thing for a group of predatory internationalists to print money by the bale and inject it into the currency stream of a nation. That is exactly what was done when the French money system was destroyed at the time of the French Revolution. The money was really printed in England, and was injected into the French money system by paying it over to the conspirators to be used in bribing the 'adepts' and the 'dupes.' It has been reliably chronicled that seventeen printing presses and 400 men were employed in England at that time to manufacture and carry on the traffic in this counterfeit money. By this means the French Government money (Assignats) was destroyed, and later the same private

individuals gained control of the new money system after they had acquired possession of most of the property in France.

"When the Russian currency was destroyed in 1917, the international money powers ordered a foreign warship to sail for Kronstadt, the naval station of St. Petersburg, carrying printing presses, which at once began to emit fake money, which was injected into the Russian currency stream and finally destroyed the entire money system of Russia."

"The fact is that only international bankers profit by this procedure. During the last 150 years, whenever the currency of a country has been destroyed, the Government of that country has also been destroyed, and the country has been taken over in toto by the international bankers. They take possession and control of the entire country; loyal citizens lose everything, including their property and their rights. It is certain people who are now decrying an honest money system in the United States; shouting 'inflation' to terrify people whenever honest recommendations are made, who will destroy the currency which we now use when they are ready to act." (Money Creators, pp. 93, 119-122, 146-7.)

These few pages from history will let us see just where we are on the road to chaos. They explain what is happening in China — and how a monetary crisis was used to deliver that great nation into the hands of international Communists. They explain what is back of the "dollar crisis" in Great Britain. They also expose the real purpose back of the pretext which sent the currency printing presses of the United States Government to Russia in 1945. According to *Time*, June 30, 1947, Henry Morgenthau explained what he called the "childishly simple" plan back in 1943:

"The British and American armies needed currency when they invaded Europe. So the Treasury had agreed to print invasion lire for use in Italy, invasion marks for Germany. The real beauty of the plan, in Morgenthau's view, was that the U. S. would have to redeem only the currency the Army used to pay soldiers. . . . But last week, as three Senate committees began a combined probe into the fantastic finance of invasion currency, they were shocked to discover how the plans had miscarried. . . ."

"Just how the blunder had occurred was explained chiefly by Assistant Secretary of War Howard C. Petersen. The marks for the U. S. and Britain were printed in Washington. The U. S. also offered to print marks for Russia. Of course, the Russians refused; they wanted to print their own. They demanded the printers' plates. Morgenthau, with the approval of

the Department of State and apparently of President Roosevelt, turned the plates over just before V-E day. . . . As far as the U. S. now knows, the Russians are still printing the marks."

Ask informed businessmen what is happening in the large cities of this country, and they will tell you that Morgenthau's "funny money" has already been injected into our currency stream by "refugees," who have lugged it in by the bale and bought whole blocks of choice business buildings, hotels and fine homes, often paying two and three times the actual value of the property. That is real and vicious inflation. As a taxpayer, how do you like the prospect of paying two hundred and fifty-four billion dollars of bonded indebtedness with worthless currency?

Viewing the dismal scene at this point, one seems justified in concluding that economic ruin is inevitable. Yet we maintain that a way out is even humanly possible; although, as stated before, it is hardly probable because our people as a whole are steeped in false teachings about the nature and function of money. The principles of an equitable money system are not complicated; on the contrary, they are so simple, both in theory and in practical application, *that we are in danger of overlooking them altogether.*

Information is the great need of the hour. People must know the truth about money and why so much mystery and deceit surrounds the subject. It is because of the need for reliable information that we have used most of our space in giving the background of financial chicanery. The pattern is ever the same. If one is led to see the plan as it has operated in the past, he can know what to expect as it unfolds in his own time.

The Austrian-born Supreme Court Justice, Felix Frankfurter, is quoted as saying, "The real rulers of a nation are undiscoverable." This sinister statement is only partly true. Any wide-awake person can discover a lot of things when he learns how to apply the pattern to events and individuals in the contemporary scene. Only an informed public can remove the veil of secrecy from the money question. As Frederick Soddy has wisely written in his book, *Wealth, Virtual Wealth and Debt*:

"Democracy so far has but seized the shadow and has yet to grasp the substance

of sovereignty. Its first step must be to end the conspiracy of silence in its organs of publicity and instruction concerning the one power of government which underlies and controls all effective political action, and to insist upon its monetary system being as public and open to criticism and conscious alteration as its political system."

The next step is to do something about it. The money-changers must again be driven out of the temple. It is hazardous business, but it can be done. Jesus Himself set the example. It takes courage and drastic action. In a straightforward manner Gertrude M. Coogan points the way:

"The only hope for the United States is to eliminate bank-created money forever; replace every 'credit' dollar with a real legal tender dollar; keep banking separate from government, and restore control of our money creation to Congress. The present un-American control of the United States Money System could be overthrown without war; without disturbing the public peace; without public expense; without interfering with the constitutional rights of any single American; without violating but by observing moral and constitutional law; and without upsetting in any manner or taking any value away from an owner of property in any form, whether it be physical, tangible or stocks and bonds . . .

"Actually, the United States could and should set up a domestic money structure, without either gold or silver as a base. . . . Gold and silver should be used only to settle international balances. They are not necessary as bases for the issuance of domestic money, and are not necessary for domestic exchanges of goods and services. Gold and silver could be used for settling trade balances until other nations have followed our example in revoking the privilege of private issue, and can agree with ourselves and each other on the establishment of an international currency used in settling trade balances. Until that is done silver should be given a more important place in settling international balances. There should be no such thing as international loans. The absurdity of international loans will vanish as other nations also learn to issue their own currency. . . .

"Individual banks must continue to be privately owned and managed but they should no longer have the power to manufacture and cancel money (now called expanding and contracting 'credit'). They should be depositaries for and lenders of real money; should collect a fee for acting as a depository for private citizens, and for performing all the non-monetary functions which banks now carry on. The basic difference would be that banks would no longer be able to create money and to cancel money.

That prerogative would rest with the United States Government alone. . . .

"America has opened the road to the greatest and freest development of the individual. The world money powers, through their weapons — Socialism, Fascism and Communism — are struggling to force it closed. True leaders must lead us away from the terrible economic perversion. Practical Christian leaders cannot justify themselves or their offices unless they are willing to attack the heart of this great moral problem. Beware of those spiritual leaders who 'plead' for Social and Economic Justice while they refuse to attack the money problem. . . .

"Once the international money power is destroyed and the power to coin money and regulate its value is resumed by Congress, as mandated by our Constitution, all of the social experimentation and legislation of the present era, with its high priesthood of theorists, professors, 'reformed' speculator stock exchange regulators, Wall Street farmers, professional social 'reformers,' Judas leaders, Red sympathizers, Constitution ridiculers, college boys, riot agitators, strike agitators, and destructionists in general, can be forgotten as one bad dream.

"The abuses that have been sneaked into the Governmental structure of this nation, and of many states and cities, through the machinations of the international money power to accomplish its own destructive purposes, would be quickly thrown out as relics of a barbarous and almost fatal assault upon the world's only haven of a Government truly 'of, by and for the people.' "

Why do the Christian citizens of the United States, Great Britain, and other predominantly Christian nations, continue to pay tribute to the Internationalists? It is for the very same reason that the Judeans paid tribute to Caesar in Jesus' day. Let us analyze that statement for a moment. The Herodians came to Jesus with the question, "Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not?" They handed Him a coin and He said, "Whose is this image and superscription?" They answered, "Caesar's." Then Jesus said to them, "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's." Our Lord must have smiled as the wily Herodians went on their way, for He did not reveal to them the point uppermost in His own mind; namely, that if the Judeans had been observing the economic laws of God through the years, they would not have owed tribute to Caesar. They were in bondage to Caesar because

they were disobedient to their God-given economic laws.

Faithful observance to Divine law, as codified by Moses in the Pentateuch and ratified by Jesus Christ in the Sermon on the Mount, guarantees national wealth; it makes every individual a capitalist from birth, a home-owner whose holdings are protected from confiscation either by debt or taxes. Prosperity is written into God's covenant with His Christian-Israel people. We miss the temporal blessings because we fail to do the one thing required of us — and that is to obey His will as expressed in the perfect laws of the Bible.

"Some people say, 'Were not these laws done away by the New Testament?' If they were done away, why do they still operate? If they were done away, why do we meet the severe penalty at the very point where we transgress them? I do not understand this notion that the Gospel of Jesus Christ does away with the basic Laws of God written in the very constitution of things. The economic attitude of our Saviour is unmistakable; He specifically upholds the Law and the Prophets. The Gospel in men's hearts disposes them toward all the good ends sought by the Law of God. Our Christian good will is often aroused and eager to do something, but it is nullified because it does not know what to do, when all the time the Law of God outlines the principles of action. Good will needs a method, and a true method needs good will — here are the Law and the Gospel as you find them in the Bible. Where there is a will there is a way; we have the will in the Gospel and the way in the Law, both of them gifts of God in Christ." (*Economic Law of the Lord*, by W. J. Cameron.)

David Davidson, in his *The Path To Peace In Our Time*, emphasizes the same truth when he says:

"The Constitutional Governments of the British Empire and the United States of America are on the threshold of constitutional crises through which only the power of Jesus Christ can bring them safely. It is true that there is the Gospel of Salvation for the individual, but there is also the Gospel of the Kingdom for the organized community. The latter is not any spiritual Kingdom in Heaven, but Christ's Kingdom on earth, and we are living in the days in which no constitution will survive except by having Jesus Christ as the acknowledged Head and Counselor in State deliberations and decisions." (p. 32.)

Inasmuch as we have elected to follow the old Babylonian system of economics, instead of Bible laws, we have come to our present condition.

The divine economic order demands just weights and measures; and a "shekel" that remains constant in value, not subject to fluctuation in purchasing power. Through the Prophet Amos, God pronounced judgment upon His people because they made the ephah small, the shekel great, and falsified the balances by deceit.

Bible law stipulates also that no foreigners shall hold posts of authority over the Lord's people. In a timely article titled "The Stranger In Our Midst" (DESTINY, August 1949), Howard B. Rand calls attention to the fact that foreigners are denied citizenship in Israel until the third generation. The statute is stated as follows in Deuteronomy 23: 9:

"The children that they [the foreigners] produce may be naturalized with the Ever-Living after three generations." (F. F. Trans.)

Had that law been enforced in the United States, none of the Internationalists who figure so prominently in American financial and governmental affairs could have become voting citizens during their entire lifetime. What a blessing that would have been! Strangers have indeed devoured our strength, and we know it not! Bible laws are our heritage. We are under covenant to keep them and administer them; for we, as Christians, are the true Israel of God — the Bible people.

"So the guarantee of individual independence was at the very basis of God's economic law. Men were not compelled to spend most of their lives and half lose their souls to obtain a foothold on the

earth. They were able to live as the sons of God should live. They had time to make their souls. And this is why Israel, under God's economic law, was able to bless the world with Psalms and Prophecies and spiritual light unrivaled by any nation or by any other period of history. Israel's soul was free from subservience to the kitchen side of life as long as the people lived this law. They had perfect economic liberty, without which their political liberty would not have been worth much. Never were any land laws so wise as those given to Israel, and until their principles are observed again, full human liberty is impossible on the earth." (*Economic Law of the Lord.*)

It is the "mammon of unrighteousness" — the evil system of "gold" control — which we see crumbling in the 17th and 18th chapters of Revelation:

"Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! For in one hour is thy judgment come. And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more. . . . The merchants of these things which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing."

Here we see the plunderers of the earth brought to judgment. They shall no longer control the resources of the earth. False systems are to be destroyed, so that righteous systems may prevail. Someone has said, "Life should be a series of festivals, interspersed by honorable labor; instead it is a series of needless battles." We are moving slowly but surely into God's economic order, where life will never again be "a series of needless battles."

"And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing. And the tree of the field shall yield her fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase, and they shall be safe in their land, and shall know that I am the Lord, *when I have broken the bands of their yoke, and delivered them out of the hand of those that served themselves of them.*" (Ez. 34: 26-27.)

Writing of the time when Ezekiel's prophecy becomes history, David Davidson says:

"Israel must submit to God first. Then Israel is brought out of the existing Economic World Order to be taught the principles of the New Economic Order, so as to prepare for the real spiritual Front and destroy all the forces of evil under the guidance of our Lord Jesus Christ. Everything has been arranged by God for that, and the power which this people will receive shall exceed in might every previous experience of the exercise of the power of munitions on the seas, on land, or in the air. It will be a definite passing into the full exercise of spiritual power, a power by which man can *righteously* release forces of which science as yet has little conception — forces which our Lord Jesus Christ showed in operation in many of his miracles. Such forces will come under our control when we humbly submit to His guidance." (*The Path To Peace In Our Time*, P. 54.)

Turbulent days are ahead of us as we effect the change from the Old Order to the New. But those who are informed will put their trust in God and go out to meet the New Day unafraid. "Only that is inevitable which has already happened."

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Why I Love America and Hate Communism

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DAY BY DAY my heart has been growing heavier and heavier, and inside of me I've been getting sicker and sicker. Reading the audacious boasts and pledges of the leaders of the Communist Party in the United States, most of whom are now on trial before Judge Medina, that in the event of a war between the United States and Russia, they will support and aid Russia, simply nauseates me.

How in the name of Heaven can men possessing the brain of an ant live in these United States and support the ideologies of communistic Russia? As a democracy why should we continue to harbor, protect and tolerate these disloyal creatures?

Why do I feel so bitter about these men and all of their ilk? Because I love America — love these United States with all my heart and with all my soul. Why do I love my country as I do?

Because my father (God rest his soul) came here from Russia as a young man, fleeing from persecution and Czarism. He had nothing but his hands, his mind and a will to learn and work. He found both here.

Attending night school (at no cost to him) he learned the English language and the history of this country. He was given the chance to earn his living without let or hindrance, the whole world before him, handicapped by nothing and no one other than his own will and ability.

Because, given the chance, my father was able to own his own little business, practice his religion in his own temple, and raise four children to manhood and womanhood.

Because those four children were given a free education, a chance to obtain college educations, a chance to travel and know this country.

Because all through our lives we went to bed at night safe and secure in the knowledge that police were in the streets, not to knock at our doors, not to search our homes or to grab any of us and throw us, willy-nilly, into a dungeon — but to protect us against evildoers. Asleep or awake, each of us knew that the power of our town, our county, state and nation was behind us, watching over us, protecting us like a loving mother ready to spring at the throat of any who would harm us and to avenge an injury to us through its police and courts.

Because, in spite of my religion (or because of it), I was able to achieve an honored profession and, like my parents, bring my daughter and grandchild into this world blessed and protected by this same country.

Because when my father — an orthodox Jew — died in Allston, Mass., he was carried to his grave by 10 pallbearers — police officer friends of his life — all Roman Catholics, come to say their last farewells to their friend.

Because I was given an opportunity to serve my country

in time of peace and in the armed forces in time of war, not because I was forced to do so, but because I wanted to do so.

Those are but a few reasons for my love of my country. I hate communism and all it stands for.

Because none of the events and conditions above presented could have occurred in communist Russia, where the individual is but a grain of sand to be blown hither and yon by the faintest breath of the politburo and its stooges, where the state is god and all, and where the individual is but a servant of the state. Because communism is the drug that destroys the very soul of man, dwarfs the mind of man, and leaves him a pliable tool.

Because, having known freedom all my life, I treasure it, and freedom is an unknown thing in communistic Russia, or in any country dominated by communism. Anything or anyone who would take away my freedom — freedom of thought, freedom of worship, freedom of expression, freedom to live my life as I wish to live it, so long as I do not hurt my fellow man — I repeat: anything that would destroy that freedom I hate with all the hatred in my heart.

Because communism, evil thing that it is, will, if allowed to spread and grow in this country, destroy the breath of life as we Americans know it. And, though the stooge leaders of communism in this country don't realize it, they too will be destroyed, for they will outlive their usefulness to the communistic state, and communism has always preached that that which is not useful to the state must be destroyed.

If my father were alive today, he would say, as he said a 100 times over in his life, "There is no greater or better country in all the world than the United States. I know. You who were born here don't know the difference between good and bad. Coming from a bad country, I can appreciate a good country. I've seen the sleet and the storm and the rain. I can appreciate the sunshine represented by the United States."

Let us all say amen to his words. To those who prate of their love for communism, all I can say is, "I pity you. May I, however, suggest that we in the United States can spare your presence here. Go, join the country you love so much, practice your communistic ideology there. We want no part of it here."

I love my country. I hate and fear communism because it has brought fear where only love existed before.

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THE BOOK OF THE KINGDOM

CHAPTER IX BOAZ AND RUTH

THE BOOK OF RUTH opens with the statement that at one time during the days when the Judges ruled there was a famine in Israel's land. Because of its severity, a certain man of Bethlehem-judah, with his wife and two sons, went to sojourn in the land of Moab, for the famine did not extend into that country. The man's name was Elimelech and his wife was Naomi. Naomi's husband died and her two sons married two women of Moab. Finally the two sons also died, leaving Naomi with her two daughters-in-law.

Ruth's Decision

When Naomi found out that the famine conditions had been relieved in her homeland, she made preparations to return with her two daughters-in-law, Orpah and Ruth. As they commenced their journey down the road, Naomi advised the two girls to return to their former homes in Moab. They had probably talked this over many times and this was her final insistence that the young widows find other husbands in Moab instead of remaining with her. Orpah returned but Ruth refused to leave her, saying:

"Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God. Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the Lord do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me." (Ruth 1: 16-17.)

Therefore, the two, Naomi and Ruth, went on together to Bethlehem where Naomi received a warm welcome. However, she told her relatives not to call her Naomi, which means *pleasant*, but rather to call her Mara, meaning *bitter*, for she said, "The Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me." She had left her native land with a husband and two sons; now she was returning empty handed.

Gleaning in the Field

Naomi and Ruth arrived in Bethlehem at the beginning of the barley harvest. In the vicinity lived Boaz, a kinsman of Naomi's husband, who was a man of wealth. Naomi and her daughter-in-law had no means to provide for themselves so Ruth asked permission of her mother-in-law to go and glean in the field after the reapers. Naomi told her to go and it so happened that she went into the field belonging to Boaz.

Under the Israel law the corners of the field, with the gleanings of the harvest, were to be left for the poor. If a sheave fell from the load, the owner of the field was not to return for it; it was to be left for the poor to gather. Following this custom, Ruth was in the field gleaning with the others so that she might gather grain for Naomi and herself. While Ruth was working there Boaz arrived from Bethlehem to see how the reapers progressed. He asked the man who had charge of the reapers about Ruth, wanting to know whose damsel she was. His servant informed him she was a Moabitish damsel who had returned

from Moab with Naomi. He told Boaz that Ruth had requested the privilege of gleaning after the reapers and he had granted her request.

Boaz' Counsel

At the close of the day Ruth tarried awhile in the house. Boaz spoke to her and told her not to go into any other field to glean. She was to remain among his maidens and follow them wherever they reaped. Boaz also told her he had informed the young men not to molest her. When she was thirsty she was to drink from the buckets of water which had been provided for his servants. Ruth wanted to know why he paid so much attention to her since she was a stranger. Boaz replied that he was doing so because he had heard about all that she had done for Naomi. Also, he said, he knew she had left her father and mother and the land of her birth and had come to live among a people she did not know. If he had another reason, he did not mention it then. Boaz concluded his remarks:

"The Lord recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the Lord God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust." (Ruth 2: 12.)

Ruth Favored

Ruth admitted to Boaz that his words were a comfort to her and Boaz invited her to eat at the table and partake of the food and drink provided for his workers. After that Boaz ordered his men to let a sheave drop in front of Ruth as she gleaned and they were to find no fault with her in whatever part of the field she might decide to glean. When evening came Ruth had gathered an ephah, or a little over a bushel, of barley. She brought the grain to her mother-in-law who asked her where she had been gleaning and if anyone had taken notice of her.

Ruth told her about Boaz and his kindness and Naomi explained to Ruth that Boaz was a near relative. As one of their next kinsmen, he had the power to redeem their possessions. Naomi advised Ruth it would be a good thing for her to stay with the maidens of Boaz, so Ruth gleaned in the field until the end of the harvest.

Naomi's Advice

Ruth's future was a matter of concern to Naomi and she later told her daughter-in-law that her one desire was for her comfort and happiness. The two women were handicapped in providing for their future because they did not have a man in their immediate household to look out for their interests. Naomi knew that Boaz was winnowing barley that night in the threshing floor so she discussed a plan with Ruth that was according to custom in Israel. Ruth was to bathe and tidy up, putting on her best garments. Then she was to go to the place where Boaz winnowed grain, but she was not to make her presence known until he was through eating and drinking. She was to take notice of the place where Boaz lay down to sleep and later she was to go and lay down at his feet.

Ruth followed the instructions and at midnight Boaz awoke and asked who was there. Ruth replied that she was his servant and that he was a near kinsman. Under the law

this signified that, as the next of kin to her husband, it was his obligation to marry her. If her late husband's estate had been mortgaged, which was evidently the case, then it also became his obligation to redeem it for her.

Boaz' Assurance

Boaz praised Ruth for not going after the young men, whether poor or rich, and he declared that all the city of his people knew that she was a virtuous woman. He said it was true that he was a kinsman but there was another closer than he. Boaz declared that if this man would not fulfill the requirements to redeem her and her husband's estate, then he would do what was required of a kinsman. Ruth was then told to leave quietly so that it would not be known that she had been present. When Ruth reported to Naomi what had taken place she was satisfied, for she said Boaz would not rest until he had finished the matter.

Witness of Redemption

Boaz took his position at the gate of the city in accordance with the requirements of the law, waiting for the kinsman of whom he had spoken to come along. When the man appeared Boaz called to him to sit down and talk over the situation. Ten men, elders of the city, were summoned as witnesses to the conversation. Boaz informed the kinsman about the land that had belonged to Naomi's husband, Elimelech, that had been sold, and that it was his place to redeem this inheritance. If he was willing to do so, he was to indicate it in the presence of the witnesses. If he was unwilling to do so, then Boaz, as next in order of kinsmen, must redeem the land. The next of kin then said that he would redeem the land. But Boaz informed him that at the same time he redeemed the land, he must also marry Ruth and raise up children to her husband as was the custom. This caused the kinsman to change his mind:

"And the kinsman said, I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I mar mine own inheritance: redeem thou my right to thyself; for I cannot redeem it. Now this was the manner in former time in Israel concerning redeeming and concerning changing, for to confirm all things; a man plucked off his shoe, and gave it to his neighbour: and this was a testimony in Israel. Therefore the kinsman said unto Boaz, Buy it for thee. So he drew off his shoe." (Ruth 4: 6-8.)

The Prophecy of the Elders

Boaz turned to the elders and said that they were witnesses that day that he had bought all that was Elimelech's and he had also purchased the right to take Ruth the Moabitess as his wife. All the people who were there at the gate said that they were witnesses. Then they said:

"The Lord make the woman that is come into thine house like Rachel and like Leah, which two did build the house of Israel: and do thou worthily in Ephratah, and be famous in Bethlehem: And let thy house be like the house of Pharez, whom Tamar bare unto Judah, of the seed which the Lord shall give thee of this young woman." (Ruth 4: 11-12.)

Boaz Redeems Inheritance

Boaz promptly redeemed the inheritance and married Ruth. The prophecy of the elders concerning the greatness that was to come to Boaz and Ruth was later fulfilled in their posterity. Ruth bore a son who was named Obed and Obed was the father of Jesse, who was the father of

David. Thus, Ruth's son was the grandfather of King David in Israel. God established the House of David forever, declaring through Jeremiah the Prophet that David would never lack a man to sit upon the Throne of the House of Israel. Through the descendants of this House there has come a long line of royalty.

A Great Posterity

Thus, the Book of Ruth contains one of the Bible's best loved romances, and while it is not specifically stated, none can deny that the hand of the Lord guided the affairs of all those mentioned in the account. For by her marriage to Boaz, Ruth married into the line of Judah and became not only an ancestor of King David but of our Lord as well. Jesus Christ is a descendant of the House of David and He is also referred to by Isaiah as a rod out of the stem of Jesse (Ruth's grandson) and a branch out of his roots (Isa. 11: 1). Ruth's loyalty to Naomi was amply rewarded and a name and place was made for her in the land of Israel, as well as a glorious inheritance through her royal posterity.

CHAPTER X

BIRTH AND DEDICATION OF SAMUEL

THERE WAS a man in Israel whose name was Elkanah. He had two wives, Hannah and Peninnah, and Peninnah had children while Hannah was childless. Elkanah went up yearly from his village to worship and sacrifice to the Lord of Hosts in the Temple at Shiloh where Eli and his two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, were priests of the Lord.

At the annual feast in Shiloh Elkanah gave to Peninnah and all her sons and daughters shares of the sacrifice meat but, though he loved Hannah, he gave her only a single share because she was without children. Evidently Peninnah taunted Hannah because she was childless and year after year, as they went up to Shiloh, Hannah had to endure vexation and anguish because she had not been blessed with a family.

Hannah's Vow

On one of the occasions when Elkanah and his family were at Shiloh presenting their sacrifices, Hannah wept and refused to eat. Her husband inquired about the cause of her trouble asking, "Am I not better to thee than ten sons?" But Hannah refused to be comforted and after the family had eaten she went and stood before the Lord while Eli, the priest, was sitting by the doorposts of the Temple. Weeping bitterly, Hannah made a solemn vow:

"O Lord of Hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the Lord all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head." (I Sam. 1: 11.)

Eli saw Hannah's lips moving, but he heard no sound for she was speaking softly. Thinking that she was in an intoxicated condition, he commanded her to leave. But Hannah replied that she had not drunk too much wine but that she was depressed in spirit and under great stress. In her grief she had been speaking before the Lord. Eli then told her:

"Go in peace: and the God of Israel grant thee thy petition that thou hast asked of him." (I Sam. 1: 17.)

Prayer Answered

Hannah, no longer sad, went her way and was at peace. Eli had given her assurance that her prayers would be answered and she accepted that assurance by faith, believing it would become an accomplished fact as promised. Thereafter, in due course of time, Hannah bore a son and she named him Samuel. Hannah refused to go with Elkanah to offer the yearly sacrifice then, stating that when the child was weaned she would go to Shiloh and fulfill her vow. According to a footnote in *The Companion Bible*, the period covered is stated to be as follows:

"It has been inferred that the time of weaning included the period of nourishment and up-bringing, which would bring Samuel to the age of at least twelve years."

Samuel Presented to the Lord

When finally Samuel was weaned, Hannah took him to Shiloh with a sacrifice and present for the Lord. There she presented her son to Eli, telling him of the answer to her prayer:

"Therefore also I have lent him to the Lord [returned him, whom I have obtained by petition, to the Lord]; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the Lord." (I Sam. 1: 28.)

Hannah offered a prayer of rejoicing over her foes and for the great goodness of the Lord. Then she left Samuel to serve always before the Lord in the Temple at Shiloh where he ministered to Eli, the Priest.

Eli's Sons

The sons of Eli were very wicked. They violated the sanctity of the priestly office by taking all that was best for themselves from the offerings of the people, using violence when necessary to accomplish their purposes. They were also known to have corrupted women who came to worship and the report of their evil doings brought forth the statement:

"Wherefore the sin of the young men was very great before the Lord." (I Sam. 2: 17.)

Samuel Comforts Eli

Samuel continued to minister before the Lord and his mother came up each year to Shiloh for the customary sacrifice, bringing with her a robe made each year for her son. Eli was evidently well pleased with Samuel's service, evidenced by his blessing upon Elkanah and his wife, for he said:

"The Lord give thee seed of this woman for the loan which is lent to the Lord." (I Sam. 2: 20.)

The Lord favored Hannah and she bore three sons and two daughters but Samuel grew up serving in the presence of the Lord at Shiloh.

Rebellious Sons of Eli

Eli grew very old and when he was told of the evil doings of his sons he informed them of the evil reports he had heard. Eli cautioned them that when a man sins against another, the judge will judge between them, but when a man sins against God, there is no judge for him. But the arrogant sons of Eli refused to pay attention to counsel and did not follow their father's advice:

"However, they would not listen to what their father said, for the Eternal was resolved to slay them." (I Sam. 2: 25, *Moffatt Trans.*)

As a parent who had been too lenient in restraining his sons in their youth, Eli now found it impossible to control them after they had reached maturity. Any parent who fails to discipline his children is responsible to that extent for the evil they may do later, just as God held Eli responsible for the evil acts of his two sons.

A Man of God

A man of God came to Eli with a special message from the Lord. Eli was reprimanded for having failed to discipline his sons and because he allowed them to run wild and commit crimes against the Lord. Parents have a definite responsibility to properly bring up their children and, because Eli had not done so with his sons, judgment was pronounced upon Eli's house. He was told that many of his household would die by the sword of men. Specific judgment was then passed upon his two sons as an omen of the fulfillment of the judgment to come upon his entire household. Both of his sons were to die in one day. Though Eli remonstrated with his sons because of their evil-doing, he did nothing to prevent them from continuing in their wickedness. Moreover, because he did try to warn them about the consequences of their evil conduct, his sons had also become presumptuous sinners and there is no forgiveness for those who, knowing the law, despise that law and deliberately break its requirements. Those who do so hold the Lord in contempt and there is nothing else facing them but the stern realities of judgment to come.

The Anointed King

A promise was made by the Lord that He would raise up a faithful priest who would walk before Him and before the anointed king whose House the Lord would establish forever. Thus, the priest would no longer be judge, but he would become subordinate to the king.

Eli's House

Of Eli's house the Lord declared that He would not cut it off entirely from His altar, but those who survived of his household would bow to the anointed king and beg him to give them a priestly position so that they might have food to eat. Eli's sons had appropriated to themselves the best of foods by unrighteous means so now Eli's household was to have difficulty in securing bread to eat.

The Lord Speaks to Samuel

Samuel continued to minister to Eli at Shiloh. It was a time when messages from the Lord were very rare and visions were not common. One day after Eli had retired to his bed (his eyes had begun to grow dim so that he was nearly blind) and the lamp of God (the seven-branched candlestick) was still burning but growing dim, Samuel had retired in the Temple, lying down near the Ark of God. The Lord called to Samuel and he answered, "Here am I." Then he ran to see what Eli wanted. But Eli told Samuel to go back to bed for he had not called him. Samuel was called a second time and went to Eli, who again said that he had not called him.

Samuel did not know the Lord in a personal way; neither had He yet communicated with the young priest. The third time the call came Samuel went to Eli and said,

"Here am I; for thou didst call me." Eli then realized that the Lord was calling Samuel so he gave him instructions:

"Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, Lord; for thy servant heareth." (I Sam. 3: 9.)

The Message of the Lord

The Lord called as at other times and Samuel answered, "Speak; for thy servant heareth." Samuel was then told by the Lord that he was about to do a deed in Israel that would make the ears of all who heard it ring:

"In that day I will perform against Eli all things which I have spoken concerning his house: when I begin, I will also make an end. For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not. And therefore I have sworn unto the house of Eli, that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be purged with sacrifice nor offering for ever." (I Sam. 3: 12-14.)

Here we have an indictment of a godly parent because he did not restrain his sons. He could have at least demoted them from the priestly office and refused them access to the temple because of their evil ways, but he did not even do that. Parents are charged with the responsibility of restraining their children, and if they will not be subject to discipline and refuse to walk in the paths of righteousness, then the parents must do everything in their power to

prevent them from being placed in positions of responsibility where they can do harm. Eli failed to act in this manner to prevent his two sons from pursuing their ways of wickedness, so God passed judgment upon his household.

Samuel Tells Eli

After the Lord had spoken Samuel lay down until morning and then arose and opened the doors of the House of the Lord. He feared to disclose to Eli what the Lord had said, but Eli asked him:

"What is the thing that the Lord hath said unto thee? I pray thee hide it not from me: God do so to thee, and more also, if thou hide any thing from me of all the things that he said unto thee." (I Sam. 3: 17.)

Samuel thereupon told Eli all there was to tell, withholding nothing of all that the Lord had said to him. Eli replied, "It is the Lord: let him do what seemeth him good."

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him so that none of his counsel proved a failure. All Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was a true teacher and an accredited prophet of the Lord. Samuel was the first of the prophets and the last of the judges before a change came in the government when Israel came under the rule of kings.

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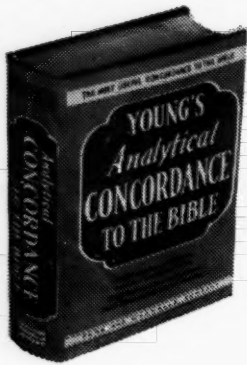
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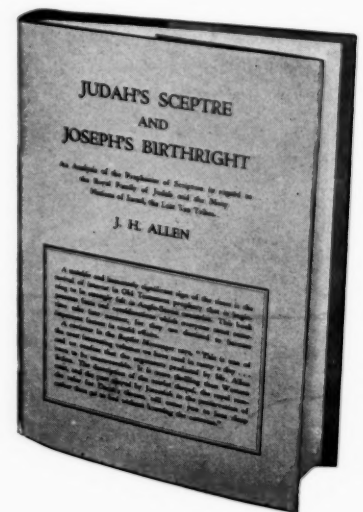
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